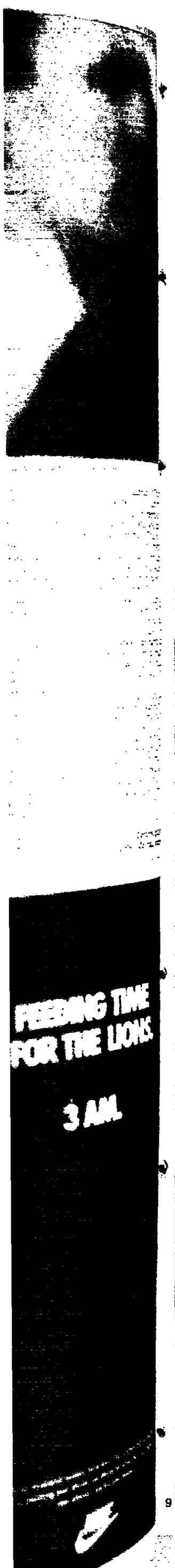
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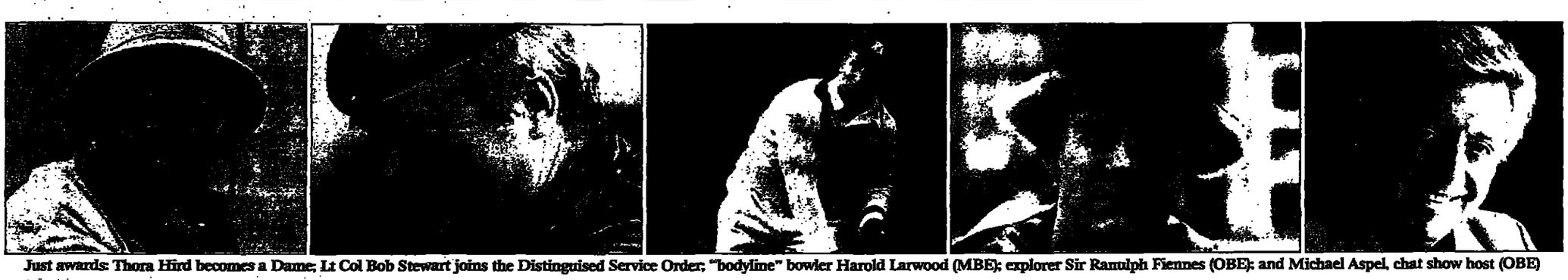
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British troops on alert as MPs demand pullout

FROM BILL FROST IN NOVI BILA AND OUR POLITICAL STAFF

BRITISH troops were on alert at their base in Vitez last night, hoping that Croat anger over the killings of two men would not lead to renewed bloody confrontation.

As the British battened down for the night, a change of political mood swept the Commons with MPs calling for the withdrawal of troops from Bosnia-Herzegovina.

John Major gave his firm support to the troops who had been involved in the shooting incident in central Bosnia and promised yesterday to send reinforcements if the troops came under increased threat. Addressing Conservatives in Llangollen, Clwyd, the prime minister said: "Let me make it absolutely clear our commander on the spot has complete authority to take any decision he considers necessary to protect the safety of our troops."

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Two Warrior armoured vehicles were ambushed on the road to Vitez at Novi Bila yesterday morning as they accompanied a column of trucks carrying food bound for Tuzla. After twice firing warning shots, one of the armoured vehicles opened up on the Croat sniper's nest with its machinegun. Two men were reported to have been killed and a third was seen running from the scene carrying a rocket-propelled grenade launcher.

A United Nations official explained that the Croat gunmen had been given adequate warning and that the British troops had acted within the rules of engagement, which allow them to return fire when life is threatened.

Croatian radio has described the killing of the two "civilians" as "a criminal act". Members of one of the dead men's families in Vitez admitted, however, that he was a member of the Bosnian Croat army.

The incident followed the murder of two Muslim relief lorry drivers as the "Convoy of Joy" made its way towards Vitez. The convoy, organised by the mayor of Tuzla to bring aid to the beleaguered Muslim enclave in northern Bosnia, is made up of almost 500 vehicles and has taken nearly a fortnight to reach Vitez.

Mr Major, who admitted conditions on the ground appeared to be deteriorating, reassured Welsh Tories that the government had "measures in hand to protect our troops in Bosnia and to ensure reinforcements should that prove necessary". He vowed: "We will not take any unacceptable risks with the lives of our troops in Bosnia."

Many MPs called for the British troops to be withdrawn, however. Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, who has previously pressed hard for more British troops to be sent to the former Yugoslavia, told MPs that the situation was one of "utmost gravity". He said that British soldiers "are very soon going to have to pay a much more dangerous price because of the failure of will, of politics, of clarity, and of action on the part of this government and others."

Later, Mr Ashdown told BBC Radio 4's *The World At One* programme that troops may have to be withdrawn soon. "I think at this moment we are probably at the 59th minute of the 11th hour of a situation which will be totally out of control and our capacity to do anything is gone," he said. He claimed that the soldiers were being let down by the politicians and humiliated on the ground.

David Howell, the Tory chairman of the Commons foreign affairs select committee, told Radio 4: "The combatants there realise there isn't going to be an outside plan, an outside intervention. They're just going to have to kill or be killed."

David Clark, Labour's defence spokesman, said: "It's too early to take any precipitateaction, but the government must do something. As a matter of urgency they must be rewriting the rules of engagement so our troops can protect themselves properly."

Jeremy Hanley, the armed forces minister who broke the news of the incident to MPs, said that the situation would be monitored "with every passing minute". He added that troop withdrawal was "a contingency plan".

Mr Hanley rebuked MPs who branded Thursday's Kiseljak incident, when British soldiers were disarmed by Muslim militiamen, as a humiliation. The soldiers had saved their own lives through their professionalism and "using their head rather than their guns", he said.



Diving for cover: drivers and journalists taking shelter behind a British UN Warrior as Croat gunmen opened fire on the aid convoy at Novi Travnik

Political awards cut but high profile for arts

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH soldiers serving in Bosnia, the film director Sir Richard Attenborough and the violinist Sir Yehudi Menuhin all receive high awards in today's Queen's Birthday Honours.

Lieutenant Colonel Bob Stewart, who commanded British troops in Bosnia, becomes a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.

There is an MBE for Harold Larwood, the bowler who was shunned by the cricketing establishment after taking part in the controversial 1932-33 "Bodyline" Ashes series in Australia. The honour, reflecting the prime minister's interest in cricket, was seen by Downing Street as "righting a long-standing injustice".

Under John Major's decision to make the honours system more meritocratic, the list of 917 names has been pruned of all but a handful of political honours. But the "great and the good" and personalities from the world of entertainment still figure prominently.

Life peerages go to Sir Richard Attenborough, the actor-director, Sir Ralf Dahrendorf, the Warden of St Anthony's College, Oxford, Robin Leigh-Pemberton, retiring governor of the Bank of England and Sir Yehudi Menuhin, the violinist and conductor. Thora Hird, the actress, and Muriel Spark, the author, both become Dames.

David Jason, star of popular sitcoms *Darling Buds of May* and *Only Fools and Horses*, is made an OBE. The same award goes to Michael Aspel, chat show host, Bob Monkhouse, comedian and to Patricia Routledge, the actress.

Polar explorers Sir Ranulph Fiennes and Dr Michael Stroud have also been made OBEs, partly because they raised so much money for charity through their trip in the Antarctic.

Samuel Brittan, economic commentator for *the Financial Times*, has been given a knighthood despite his recent criticism of the government's economic policy.

Sporting honours go to Stephen Hendry, snooker world champion, who becomes an MBE, Andy Roxburgh, Scottish football team manager (OBE), and Richard Dunwoody, leading National Hunt jockey (MBE).

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Court frees sisters jailed for murder

BY RICHARD DUCE

TWO sisters jailed for the so-called "fatal attraction" murder had their convictions quashed yesterday after the Appeal Court criticised both the police and the role of the press in the case.

Sensationalised and inaccurate reporting of the trial of Michelle and Lisa Taylor last summer could have prejudiced the jury, Lord Justice McCowan said. Papers in the case will be sent to the attorney-general, Sir Nicholas Lyell, for possible action.

Amid emotional scenes Michelle, 22, and Lisa, 19, walked to freedom with family and friends. In a statement they said: "We will not say that by being released justice has been done, because we should not have been put in this position in the first place."

Michelle said on television: "I was very, very angry. During the trial I remember coming back and seeing the video and the picture of the wedding, and thinking, 'how can they do that?' " The sisters were convicted of stabbing to death Alison Shaughnessy, 21, Michelle's rival in love, at her London home.

The court also ruled that failure by the police to disclose evidence about a witness was a "material irregularity" that had rendered the convictions unsafe and unsatisfactory.

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Major calls halt to party feud

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major fought back yesterday from the most turbulent week of his premiership with a passionate call to the Conservative party to stop its internal feuding and concentrate on winning back the support of the ordinary voter.

The prime minister sought to rebut Norman Lamont's charge that he was preoccupied with short-term worries as he urged his party to go back to basic Tory values that reflected the ambitions of the people. He underlined his preference for spending cuts rather than tax increases to reduce the public sector deficit and told the party that jobs, homes, schools, the health service and the welfare state were the matters that people most cared about and that they should never forget it.

His appeal for unity was bolstered as a succession of cabinet ministers moved to support him with speeches praising his leadership and urging the party to pull together under him. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, called on the Tories to put aside rancour and jealousy and to show loyalty, steadiness under fire and restraint. Sir Norman Fowler, the party chairman, spoke of Mr Major at his best when the pressure was greatest and said that the Conservatives stuck by their principles, policies and leaders.

The prime minister's speech to the Welsh Conservative conference in Llangollen eased the pressure on him, although senior ministers are braced for a prolonged period of unpopularity before the economic recovery is felt by the voters. He returned to the more relaxed speaking style he adopted during the general election by dispensing with the usual formal speech read from an autocue and addressing the conference from the centre of the platform using notes to guide him.

His decision to do so was made only on Thursday and is thought to have followed criticism of his lacklustre Commons speech on Wednesday when he stuck doggedly to his prepared text even though the tenure of the debate had been altered by Mr Lamont's resignation statement.

Mr Major's decision to restate his vision of "caring conservatism" was clearly designed to meet the criticisms that he lacks a personal agenda and reacts to events on a day-to-day basis. The most striking passage was an unashamed appeal to the instincts of middle England in which he again spoke of the need for people "to live at ease with themselves". He spoke of the party's need to put aside the great designs of the philosophers and to understand what people wanted. They

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Trade deficit up

Britain ran the largest trade deficit for nearly three years in the first three months of this year, with imports continuing to flood in faster than exports were sold, despite the advantage of sterling's devaluation. The visible trade deficit was £4.5 billion in the first quarter, up a little from the £4.35 billion in the last three months of 1992 ..... page 23

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Attacks continue as Queen visits province

The Queen spent the day in Northern Ireland yesterday as the IRA launched its third mortar attack on Crossmaglen army and police barracks in co. Armagh in six months. The Queen arrived in the province shortly before midday on her seventh visit since accession, but only her third since the onset of the Troubles.

Her arrival was kept secret until the last minute and she was flown by helicopter from Aldergrove Airport near Belfast to Hillsborough castle in co. Down. After lunching with Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, she met members of the security forces and their families before attending a garden party in the castle grounds.

It was about that time that the IRA launched the latest in a series of mortar attacks against the heavily fortified barracks in the centre of Crossmaglen, close to the border. Police said only one mortar exploded. It landed inside the compound but caused only limited damage.

Bribes tax relief ends

Businesses will no longer be able to receive tax relief on millions of pounds paid in protection money to paramilitary groups such as the IRA and in bribes to win contracts. Michael Portillo, the chief secretary to the Treasury, yesterday announced proposals to end the rule under which the Inland Revenue has allowed people to claim as ordinary business expenses the kickbacks paid to terrorist organisations or to middlemen to win contracts in the Middle East and Africa.

Two tourists die in crash

Two German tourists died and 18 people were injured when a coach collided with an army lorry on a narrow Highland road yesterday. The two were men aged 65 and 66. Two soldiers were badly injured in the crash on the A82 from Glasgow to Fort William near Loch Tulla, Strathclyde. One of them, aged 18, from Lincolnshire and stationed in Dortmund, is critically ill. Police said the remoteness of the location and poor radio communications hampered the rescue. The tourists, from Kassel, were on their way home.

Liverpool toddler found

A toddler abandoned hundreds of miles from his Liverpool home after his mother was killed there, was found safe near Glasgow. Police are trying to locate David Ashworth, 31, the child's father. The boy was found after an anonymous telephone call. A note on his clothing read: "My name is Gareth Johnston. This is for the best. I love him very very much."

MP's office hit by fire

The constituency office of David Alton, the Liberal Democrat MP and anti-abortion campaigner, has been severely damaged in a suspected arson attack. Police believe the fire started at 1am yesterday on the first floor of the property in Wavertree, Liverpool. The MP's secretary said there was no evidence of a political motive for the attack.

Hospital stabbing

A patient at Doncaster Royal Infirmary, South Yorkshire, was questioned by police yesterday after another patient was stabbed to death in a ward on Thursday night. The victim was named as Peter Savage, 53, who was married and lived at Intake, Doncaster. He died from a single stab wound.

Desk sells for £496,000

A rare 18th-century French desk belonging to the Duke of Richmond and Gordon was sold at Sotheby's for £496,500. The duke said recently that he was selling the desk to help to buy back the lease of a mansion on his 12,000-acre estate at Goodwood, West Sussex. The desk was bought by the third duke in about 1766.

As the Met Office warns of further storms, hundreds are left homeless



Wet work: police and emergency services in Llandudno, Wales, battle to keep back floodwaters after torrential rain forced hundreds of people to abandon their homes. Warnings of further severe rain and thunder storms across Britain were issued by the Meteorological Office last night as communities in Wales and Essex recovered from a day of destruction. One man was feared drowned and hundreds were in temporary accommodation yesterday after the second day of flash floods. Clear-up operations from Thursday night's flooding were hampered in Wales and Essex, where the flooding was worst. In Essex, police said they had received more than 400 calls to floods at Harlow, Ongar and North Weald. In Wales, two RAF Sea King helicopters rescued people from roofs and treetops after a river burst its banks and flooded a caravan park near Cardigan in Dyfed. One caravan was swept out to sea with its owners still inside. In Llandudno, almost 1,000 properties were flooded and 500 people made homeless. The floods were the worst since the sea breached coastal defences at Towyn, 12 miles along the coast, in 1990, and damage was estimated last night to run into millions of pounds. Chief Supt Elwyn Roberts, heading the police operation, described the cloudburst over the Welsh coast as "the storm of the century". Sir Wyn Roberts, minister of state for Wales, pledged government help and reported on the flooding to the prime minister, who was attending the Welsh Tory party conference at Llangollen 50 miles away. He said the floods were critical but the emergency services were "getting the better of them".

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Auditor raids flagship Tory council in hunt for evidence

By Christopher Elliott and Angela Mackay

■ Westminster council has been raided in the wake of allegations that council house sales were manipulated for political gain

A DISTRICT auditor investigating allegations that sales of council houses were manipulated for political gain has mounted a raid to seize documents from the headquarters of the flagship Tory council of Westminster.

John Magill, the auditor, carried out the search under little-used powers because of the suspicion that documents crucial to his four-year long enquiry may have been shredded. He sought duplicates.

Labour councillors now plan to refer the matter to the Director of Public Prosecutions to consider whether there is any evidence that the auditor's enquiry has been obstructed. If the DPP decides there is evidence, councillors and officers, both past and present, could face prosecution. The investigation centres on the council's controversial designated housing sales programme. Mr Magill disclosed that the raid had taken place in a letter this week to Neale Coleman, a former Labour councillor who sparked the investigation.

The allegations are that the council spent millions of pounds manipulating a housing policy aiming to "pack" key marginal seats with Tory voters in order to ensure a Conservative victory in the 1990 local elections. At that time Dame Shirley Porter was leader of the council hailed by Mrs Thatcher as an example of local government. Dame Shirley who, stood down as leader two years ago and resigned from the council in March this year, has always vigorously denied that such a policy existed.

The enquiry has become one of the longest in the history of the Audit Commission and the patience of Mr Magill, a partner in accountants Touche Ross, appears to have snapped. In early April he arrived at Westminster City Hall with aides.

In a letter to Mr Coleman he wrote: "I decided to visit council offices to examine more files for the period from mid 1986 to late 1989, starting with the policy unit and managing director's office. During this visit, I was told by more than one person that documents had been shredded by a previous employee. This may be entirely innocent ... but there was at least a possibility that some of the documents shredded might have been connected."

He also confirmed to Mr Coleman that he had to exercise "formal powers" to arrange interviews, which is understood to be a reference to the threat of a subpoena against certain witnesses who were reluctant to attend.



Dame Shirley: left council in March

His two-page letter paints a picture of acute frustrations at the delays. He has now interviewed 35 people, including Dame Shirley. It is understood that he wishes to interview her again. It was expected that his report would be ready within the next few weeks but it now looks unlikely to be ready before September.

Labour councillors claim that the designated house sales policy cost the council between £3 million and £4 million. Should the auditor conclude that the council acted illegally councillors and officials may face surcharge.

Dame Shirley said: "It's two years since I left the leadership of the council. I know nothing about allegations of shredding. Everybody should be co-operating with the auditor to obtain a fair conclusion to the affair which has been going on for four years."

UK 'helped Iraq over Exocet testing'

By Michael Dynes
Whitehall Correspondent

BRITAIN helped Iraq to build a complex designed to test and maintain missiles during the Iran-Iraq war, Lord Justice Scott's enquiry into arms-related exports to Iraq was told yesterday.

International Military Services (IMS), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Ministry of Defence, was granted approval in 1985 to help to supervise the construction of the complex near Basra, despite Iraq's use of Exocet missiles to attack neutral shipping in the Gulf, the enquiry was told.

Alan Collins, an official in the Foreign Office's Middle East department, said that Norman Lamont, then a junior minister in the defence ministry, had approved the project because the contract had been signed before the Howe guidelines restricting arms export sales came into effect in December 1984. Military experts had also decided that the installation would not have "significantly enhanced" Iraq's military strength, he added.

The £4 million IMS contract included supervising laying concrete for the new plant, installing safety and monitoring equipment, and training Iraqi officers to operate it. Ministers decided to go ahead with the project because it did not assist weapons-testing that was going on anyway, Mr Collins said. IMS was also given approval to carry out repairs at Iranian and Iraqi naval bases, he added.

Mr Collins told the enquiry that the Foreign Office had expressed "concern" in July 1985 about the safety of British personnel working at the plant, which was in the middle of the war zone. It was also anxious about the project's "considerable presentational difficulties".

Mr Collins said that he had raised these concerns at the inter-departmental committee of defence, trade and industry and Foreign Office officials where export licence applications for defence-related equipment were scrutinised. After debate, ministers decided to allow IMS to go ahead with the contract, he said.

Get back to basics, Tories are urged

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should go to the housing estate of Peterborough or Birmingham and go into the living room of the three-bedroom semi-detached house and ask the people what sort of country they wanted to live in and see it built up. The answers would determine where the heartbeat of Britain lay, he said.

First and foremost they wanted jobs that allowed men and women to provide for themselves and their families; they wanted a decent home and the opportunity to own that home; they wanted to be confident their children had access to a good school, that the family would have access to good medical care if and when they needed it, and that a structure existed to provide them with security in old age, hardship or ill-health. The Tories cared for those fundamental securities, he said.

"Nothing is more important. Nothing is more pressing. I pass this message to everyone who wishes the Conservative party well. No diversions. No squabbles. Let's get on with the job." Neither Mr Major nor Sir Norman, in his conference speech, mentioned Mr Lamont by name.

Although aides denied that he was trying to pre-empt the budget decisions of Kenneth Clarke, the new Chancellor, Mr Major hinted that indirect tax increases will take precedence over income tax rises. In an attempt to dispel fears about benefit cuts Mr Major said that after its full examination of public spending the government would no doubt discard some of the proposals if it thought it unfair to proceed with them. "But overall we must save on public expenditure," he said.

In a further break with Thatcherite policies Mr Major said that the government then had been perhaps too keen to tell business to go out entirely on its own. "Perhaps we were just attached to *laissez faire* on some occasions. It was cold bath time with a vengeance."

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Media will name young fugitives

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

THE home secretary is to remove restrictions that prevent the media naming young offenders who escape from custody after being accused of serious crimes.

Michael Howard yesterday announced a change in the law that will allow newspapers, radio and television to identify and publish the photographs of such juveniles to help police to recapture them.

The announcement came days after newspapers broke the law by publishing the name and photograph of a 16-year-old youth accused of murder who had absconded from a local authority hostel in west London. He has since been recaptured.

Mr Howard told MPs in a written Commons answer: "We must make sure that the law does not impede the police when they are trying to bring people to justice, irrespective of their age." The Home Office is considering whether to bring forward an amendment to the criminal justice bill now before Parliament, or to make the necessary legislative change in the next session.

Section 49 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 imposes a ban on publication of any details of young people under 18 involved in court proceedings. The court or home secretary can waive this restriction for the purpose of "avoiding injustice" to a young person. They cannot waive it for the good of the public.

Barry Andrews of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders gave a warning against any hasty change to the law. "This could get awfully messy unless the law is very carefully framed," he said. "Who is to define what is a serious offence? I am worried that unless we are very careful, irresponsible newspapers will start publishing details of young persons accused of crimes."

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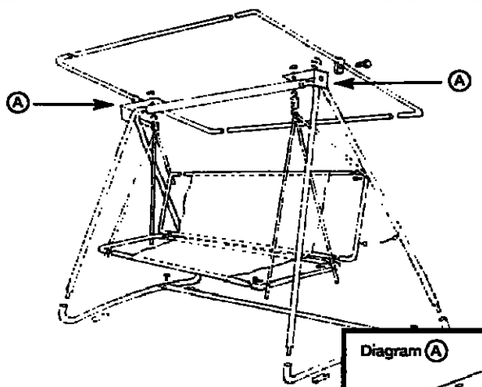
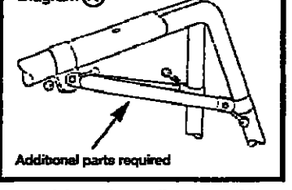


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Major takes a pot shot at his rhetorical goal

JOHN Major yesterday played to his strengths. He was informal, and spoke for the aspirations of Middle England. That is not going to transform his political position. But it is a start. He needs to go back to the qualities of "ordinary man" decency which appealed to the public when he first became prime minister and which saw him through last year's election campaign.

Presentational skills can be exaggerated. However, Mr Major's stiff formal speaking style and often awkward use of language have reinforced the impression that he is not at ease with himself, is not in charge and lacks a clear sense of direction. The resulting criticisms have increased his frustrations and belief that he is being treated unfairly.

His recent public speeches have been patchy. Last month's address to the CBI annual dinner was widely criticised as a boring and clichéd laundry list of various industrial initiatives. His speech in the Commons on Wednesday failed to measure up to the occasion.

His advisers have been considering how to sharpen his impact. He believes he is best when away from the autocue or formal text. He is less tense and more persuasive with small groups. In the election he was effective when speaking on a soap box.

Four weeks ago, when addressing the Scottish Tory conference in Edinburgh, he found his formal text unsatisfactory, despite many revisions, and departed from it to ad lib for five or six minutes about the need to look beyond immediate difficulties and take a longer-term view. It was not particularly coherent, but it did hold the audience's attention.

Yesterday he adopted a halfway approach. He abandoned a formal text projected on an autocue and spoke from notes. The result was a relaxed and more successful performance than recently. He will never be a great orator, but it would still help if Mr Major had a few arresting phrases and images to inspire. He receives loyalty from the party faithful, but does not excite them.

His message yesterday was a back-to-basics appeal — understanding the aspirations of those in the living room of a semi in Peterborough and Birmingham, and no doubt many other areas where there are marginal seats. That approach makes sense as a rhetorical goal. What really matters, however, is avoiding party splits and rows, securing economic recovery, and dealing with what Kenneth Clarke has described as the "iceberg in the way of recovery" of the huge budget deficit.

There is little in the short term that John Major can do. As Douglas Hurd argued last night, the government is having to cope with an ailment afflicting much of the western world, the distaste people feel for the whole political process. What is needed is not "flap and scrap, posture and panic", since politicians do not regain respect by turning up the volume.

Instead, the Tories need to demonstrate "loyalty, steadiness under fire, restraint and good sense," he said. Sage advice, but the Tory party may prefer panic.

PETER RIDDELL

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Murder trial files go to attorney-general to consider action against newspapers

Censure on press as sisters are cleared

By Richard Duce

NEWSPAPER coverage of the trial involving two sisters convicted of the so-called "fatal attraction" killing was so sensationalised and inaccurate that it created a real risk of prejudicing the jury, the Court of Appeal ruled yesterday.

In quashing the convictions of Michelle and Lisa Taylor as "unsafe and unsatisfactory", Lord Justice McCowan was critical of the press as well as the police, who had failed to disclose evidence that could have proved vital to the defence case.

He told the court: "What in fact the press were doing was not reporting at all. It was comment, and comment which assumed guilt on the part of the girls in the dock. But the press is no more entitled to assume guilt in what it writes in the course of a trial than a police officer is entitled to convince himself than a defendant is guilty and suppress evidence, the emergence of which he fears might lead to the defendant's aquittal."

Papers in the case will now go to the attorney-general, Sir Nicholas Lyell, to consider if any action should be taken against the newspapers criticised during the appeal.

The decision to free Michelle, 22, and Lisa, 19, came after almost two years in jail following the murder of Alison Shaughnessy. Outside the court, the Taylor sisters, wearing T-shirts depicting Winston Silcott, who was cleared on appeal of murdering a policemen during the Tottenham riots, posed briefly for photographers.

Michelle read from a prepared statement saying: "We will not say that by being released justice has been done, because we should not have been put in this position in the first place."

Michael Holmes, their solictor, said civil action could now be considered against the police. "The judges seemed shocked at what had happened in this case, in terms of the behaviour of both the police and the press. If the editors have committed an offence, they themselves should now be brought before the courts." The successful defence argument that "unremitting, extensive, sensational, inaccurate and misleading" press coverage would have prejudiced the jury was based on the showing of a video taken at Mrs Shaughnessy's wedding to her husband, which was attended by Michelle Taylor. Michelle and John Shaughnessy had previously had an affair.

The video had no relevance to the trial in July last year but some newspapers used a still showing Michelle Taylor "giving a peck on the cheek" to Mr Shaughnessy. It was frozen so as to appear a mouth-to-mouth kiss. The still was accompanied by headlines such as "Cheat's kiss" and "Judas's kiss".

Lord Justice McCowan, sitting with Mr Justices Douglas Brown and Tuckey was also critical of the decision by the officer heading the murder enquiry, Det Supt Christopher Burke, not to disclose an inconsistent description given by Dr Michael Unsworth-White, a main prosecution witness.

Ever since the sisters were charged the family has pointed to gaps in the prosecution case. There was no murder weapon found and nothing to link either woman with the killing was found at the scene. Also the trial jury was asked to believe and evidently did so that within the space of 23 minutes the sisters had entered Mrs Shaughnessy's flat, stabbed her 54 times, destroyed all the forensic evidence, disposed of their blood-stained garments before driving the four miles back to the clinic in Lambeth, south London, where Michelle worked.

TONY WHITE



Freedom beckons: Michelle Taylor, centre, and her sister Lisa, right, leave the High Court after an appeal found their convictions unsafe

Sun rejects criticism of coverage

By Lin Jenkins

THE editor of *The Sun* vehemently denounced criticism of its coverage of the Taylor sisters' trial and denied last night that the reports had been inaccurate or prejudicial.

Kelvin MacKenzie said: "Our coverage was based on the facts presented to the jury. Lord Justice McCowan accuses us of sensational reporting. He overlooks the fact that this was a sensational case: a murder trial of two sisters that involved adultery and a hate-filled diary." He said nobody denied that scenes pictured from the wedding video took place. "No one denied an affair took place."

David Banks, editor of the *Daily Mirror*, said of the judge's comments: "It is a very severe set of remarks he has made about the press and I wonder if we aren't being made the whipping boy for what is a case in which evidence was faulty."

No convicted criminal has been cleared in Britain recently because of the media's perceived aptitude for bending contempt rules. The conviction of the Winchester Three for conspiracy to kill Tom King, then Northern Ireland secretary, was overturned on the grounds of reporting of remarks by Mr King in the Commons on the right to silence.

Witness changed his story

By Richard Duce

DETECTIVE work by two junior barristers uncovered vital police evidence that led to the quashing of the Taylor sisters' murder convictions.

While sensational and inaccurate press reporting of the trial of Michelle and Lisa Taylor was the original ground for appeal, the two counsels were to find in boxes of evidence at a police station two pieces of paper that undermined the prosecution case. Days before the appeal and after repeated requests to see any evidence not introduced at the original hearing, the sisters' defence team discovered a police memorandum and a letter that discredited the evidence of a key prosecution witness, Dr Michael Unsworth-White.

The case against Michelle, 22, and Lisa, 19, for the murder of Alison Shaughnessy was at best circumstantial. The trial jury had been told that the case against them was a "jigsaw" but it was the evidence of Dr Unsworth-White that had put two women matching the sisters' description at the scene of the crime. Yet the undisclosed police memorandum revealed that the day before the doctor made a witness statement, almost a month after the murder at Mrs Shaughnessy's flat in Battersea, southwest London, he had told police that one of the women was black. The sisters are white.

The letter showed Dr Unsworth-White had contacted Barclays Bank, Mrs Shaughnessy's employer, about receiving the £25,000 reward it was offering before he gave evidence at the trial.

In his judgment yesterday Lord Justice McCowan said it would have been understandable if Dr Unsworth-White had altered his evidence to say one of the girls was a dark-skinned brunette, but he switched to saying they were both blonde. That was a "very remarkable change of story".

"Dr Unsworth-White's evidence appeared to come from an impeccable professional source and his manner was composed and impressive," the judge said. "What a different figure he would have cut if the defence had had available for cross-examination the material which has now come to light." The Court of Appeal's ruling was damning of the police investigation and the withholding of evidence. It leaves unresolved the question of who killed Mrs Shaughnessy in June 1991. It might have been a burglar, since gold bracelets were missing from the flat. Five sets of unidentified fingerprints were found.

Judge's 'error' frees Blandford

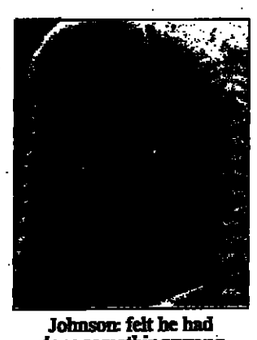
By Ronald Faux and Kate Alderson

THE Marquess of Blandford was freed from prison yesterday after the judge who had sentenced him to 112 days, for refusing to pay maintenance to his estranged wife and son, admitted he made an error.

Mr Justice Johnson, of the High Court, sitting in Manchester, admitted that the sentence he had ordered was illegal and said: "My order was made in excess of my jurisdiction."

After carrying out his own investigation of the law the judge discovered that the maximum sentence he had the power to impose was six weeks and that he now had no alternative but to free him. The judge accepted that the original sentence could not be reduced so the only proper course was to free the marquess immediately.

"As a judge I feel I have done something wrong and that I should do something about it and not leave it to Lord Blandford and his advisers to do something," he said. "I hold I have no power to rectify that error and regard it as my duty ... to order the discharge from prison of Lord Blandford." After four days in Pentonville prison, north London, the marquess, 37, was whisked away from the back entrance at 4.15pm in a car driven by a friend. He was later seen celebrating with champagne in a wine bar near his west London home.



Johnson: felt he had done something wrong

The marquess, heir to Blenheim Palace, had refused to pay £10,534 maintenance to his wife, Rebecca, and baby son. The judge's decision came after a hearing last month when the marquess was given 14 days to pay his maintenance arrears. When he failed to do so he was arrested on Tuesday morning.

Fish fraud salesman sent to jail

By A Staff Reporter

A CONMAN who duped anglers into buying diseased carp, which caused nearly £500,000 damage to Britain's fish stocks, was sent to prison yesterday.

Fishermen and farmers fell foul of a scheme run by David Brown, from Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, and Peter White, of Brough, Humberside, who sidestepped National Rivers Authority regulations covering the health of fish. The pair, who caught fish to stock private lakes and fisheries, used certificates guaranteeing the quality of batches of healthy fish for fish that were diseased.

When they were introduced to lakes used by anglers, fisheries and breeders, the disease spread, killing tens of thousands of fish and causing losses of £400,000. Sentencing Brown to nine months in prison, Judge William Thomas, at Isleworth Crown Court, London, said they "exploited the trust" built up between NRA officials and traders.

White, who helped at the northern end of the business, was ordered to do 200 hours community service.

Lawyer's wife has last word

A LAWYER who bombarded his wife with words eventually talked himself into a divorce. In one tirade, Christopher Chalker told his Scots-born wife, Catherine, that she was "dark and craggy" like Lady Macbeth. On another occasion, he said he wished that she would commit adultery, then he would not need to have anything to do with her as he might catch Aids.

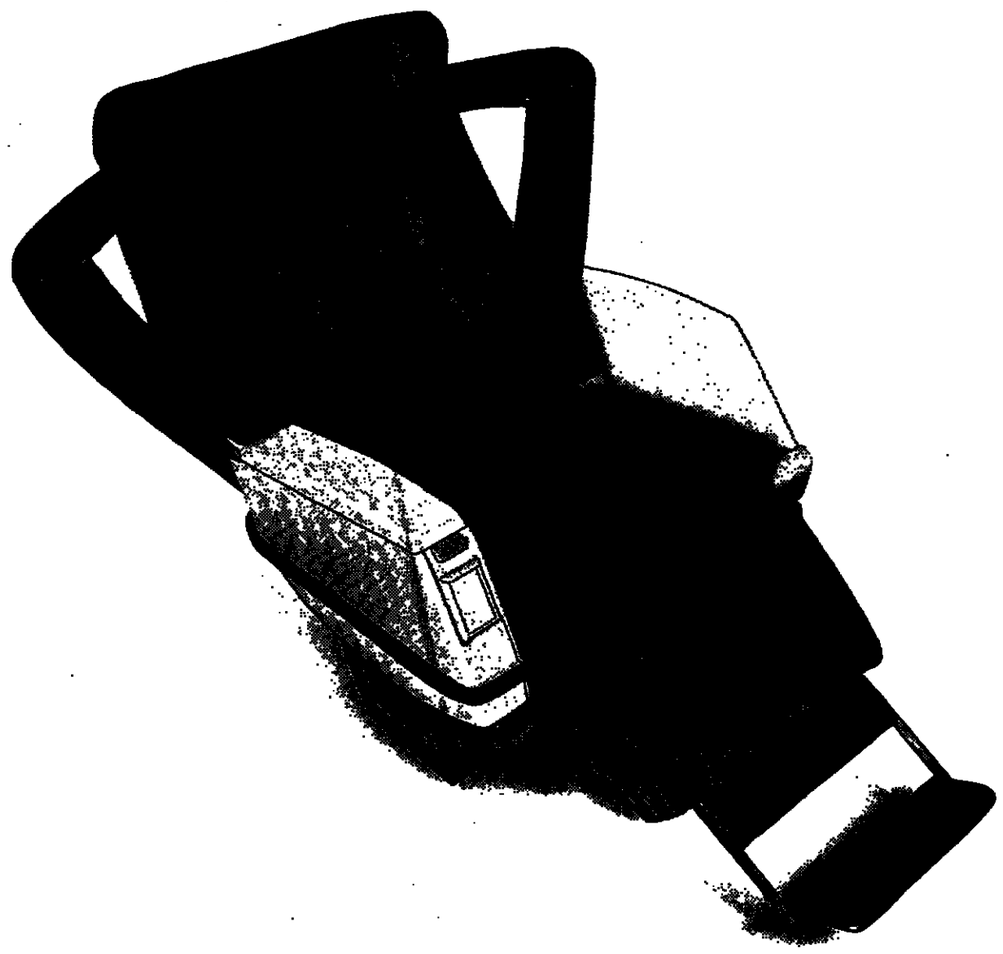
Judge Aglionby, in the Family Division of the High Court in London, found that Mr Chalker, 64, a solicitor from Highgate, north London, "literally ground her down with words". He said that words were Mr Chalker's greatest character defect.

"They poured from his lips during the course of evidence," he said. "They flowed from his pen during the course of voluminous correspondence. He simply could not contain himself."

Mrs Chalker, 52, accused her husband of being vituperative and pompous, and behaving like a Victorian. Judge Aglionby said that Mr Chalker's words were hurtful to his wife, whom he married in 1978. After his comment in 1990 about her committing adultery, she left home for eight days. They have effectively lived apart in the same house since.

Mr Chalker denied that the marriage had broken down and refuted his wife's claims. The judge granted Mrs Chalker a divorce decree on the grounds of her husband's unreasonable behaviour. "I have no doubt he was well aware his verbosity upset his wife," he said.

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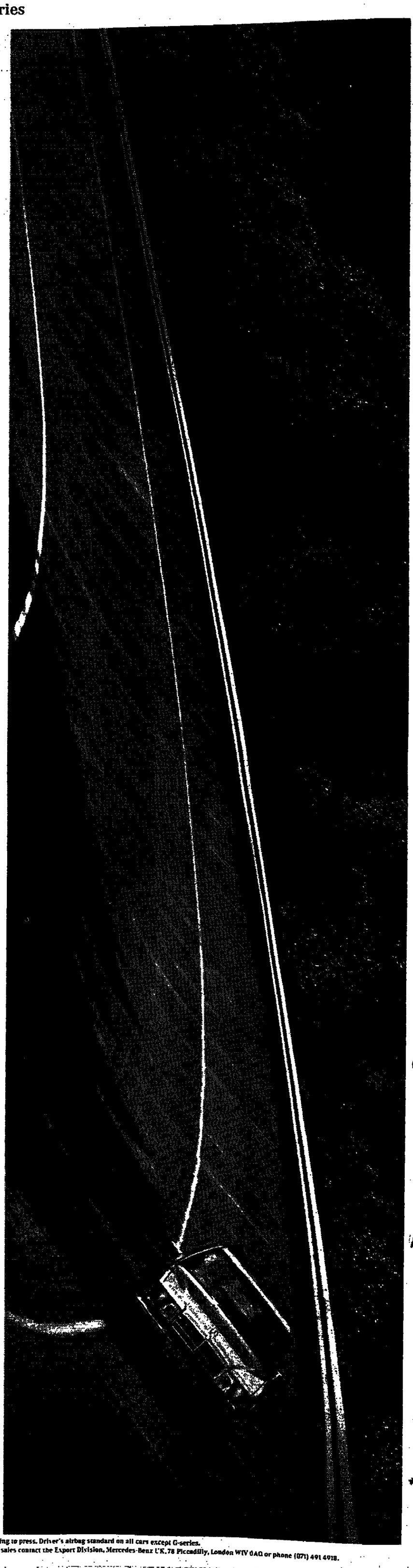
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Abduction plan 'on home computer'

Sams jury told of earlier foiled plot to kidnap woman

BY PAUL WILKINSON

MICHAEL Sams planned to kidnap another woman estate agent six months before he abducted Stephanie Slater and held her for a £175,000 ransom, his trial was told yesterday. But he abandoned the plot at the last moment as he waited outside the house which his victim believed she was showing to a client.

Instead, a week later, he picked the easier target of Julie Dart, a prostitute from Leeds, said Richard Wakerley QC, for the prosecution, at Nottingham Crown Court.

Details of the first kidnap attempt, on Carol Jones, 42, in Crewe in July 1991, were discovered by detectives only after forensic scientists retrieved Sams' plan of action from a deleted file in his home computer.

Sams, 51, from Sutton on Trent, Nottinghamshire, has admitted kidnapping and imprisoning Miss Slater in January 1992 and demanding a ransom. He has denied the kidnap and murder of Miss Dart, 18, and another charge of blackmailing British Rail for £200,000.

Mr Wakerley said Sams had admitted the earlier plot but gave detectives no explanation as to why he had abandoned it. It could have been that a builder working on a house next door had talked to him or that when Mrs Jones arrived she was accompanied by a schoolgirl on work experience.

Mr Wakerley asked whether Sams went home to dispose of the chains he intended to manacle her with, the box he planned to keep her in and the mock detector he had constructed to make police believe he was scanning the ransom money for a bug. "No, he did not," Mr Wakerley said. But he could not easily select another estate agent victim. He needed time to reconnoitre a suitable house and make contact with the agent.

"Is that why he chose Julie Dart as a victim in Leeds, an area he knew well? She was an easy victim. But he kept his campaign going and at the beginning of 1992 he returned to his number one plan of kidnapping an estate agent. The direct links prove it was all the grisly work of Michael Sams."

Mr Wakerley described a "quite simply brilliant piece of detective work" that led to the recovery of £130,000 of the Slater ransom. Sams had admitted knowing the area in Lincolnshire 20 miles from his home where Miss Dart's body had been dumped. He told detectives he had been train-spotting there a few days after the Slater kidnap at a place called Stoke Summit.

One officer wondered how Sams could apparently be so cool as to go train-spotting at a time when he had agreed he was writing irate letters to the police and the media admitting the Slater kidnap but denying links to the murder. After two days of digging, a package containing a substantial sum was unearthed.

Sams said there was a second parcel of money hidden at the site but it had been buried by a "mate". This was a man, he had already told detectives, that had confessed to killing Miss Dart and was responsible for the British Rail blackmail bid.

Mr Wakerley said: "If he did not [dump Julie's body], of all the places he could choose to bury the proceeds of his grisly game, why did it happen to be 1.7 miles as the crow flies from where her body was dumped from a wheely bin seven months before?"

Mr Wakerley said Sams had four reasons to invent an unknown mate: to frighten his victims to make it look as if there were more people in the plot; to shift responsibility for his failure and the murder; to give some sort of answer when pressed by the police; and to keep the money.

The hearing was adjourned until Monday.



Julie Dart: her body was found dumped

JOHN CARTER



Taking a back seat: Princess Michael of Kent at Kensington Palace yesterday with Bee, a 13-year-old otter that is going into semi-retirement after starring in many nature and feature films

Teachers get panic buttons

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

PANIC buttons are to be installed in all schools in Newcastle upon Tyne to enable head teachers to alert the police if they are attacked.

Some 30 schools in the city already have the devices, the *Times Educational Supplement* reported yesterday. Most are hidden under head teachers' or secretaries' desks.

By April 1995, the education authority plans to equip all of its 117 schools, youth clubs and outdoor centres. The alarms are connected to a private security firm that contacts the nearest police.

South Benwell primary school used an alarm supplied by the police when a parent threatened two teachers, although Kevin James, the head teacher, has since been attacked when out of reach of the device.

☐ Teachers at a school in Wandsworth, south London, walked out yesterday when supply teachers were bused in to supervise mathematics tests for 14-year-olds. Staff demonstrated at the gates of Battersea Technology College as about 100 pupils prepared to sit the tests.

Venables sacking 'will wreck Spurs'

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

THE Tottenham Hotspur football team will be "wrecked" if Terry Venables is forced out of the club, the High Court was told yesterday in written evidence sworn by the defender Neil Ruddock.

The player said he and his team mates Teddy Sheringham and Jason Cundy were devastated by the news on May 14 that Mr Venables had been sacked. He described him as "the best manager I have ever worked under". The court was told that Ruddock had since put in a transfer request as a direct result of the doubts over Mr Venables's future.

The player's evidence, in which he said that Sheringham, a striker, and Cundy, a central defender, had told him they would probably also want to leave if Mr Venables was ousted, was among several affidavits sworn in support of the Tottenham manager and chief executive. Gary Mabbutt, the club captain, said that if Mr Venables left it would have a "negative affect on morale and the ability of the club to attract the best young players".

Mr Venables is fighting to continue a court injunction preventing him from being removed from his post of chief executive under the May 14 board resolution. The court was told that the legal struggle between Mr Venables and Alan Sugar, the chairman, for control of the club, could last until next year.

The hearing to discharge the injunction ends next week but counsel for the two rivals said that the trial about who should run the Premier League club would not start until at least the autumn. Philip Heslop QC, for Mr Sugar, said he did not think that it would be ready before January. Much may depend on whether Mr Venables can find a wealthy backer for the long legal proceedings, which could bring him losses of millions of pounds.

Mr Sugar has 46 per cent of the shares, and the support of the majority of the directors, whereas Mr Venables has only 23 per cent. Mr Venables is claiming that the pair entered into a "joint venture" with equal partnership when they took over the club in 1991.

Mr Heslop, however, argued that even if there were an agreement, which he disputes, the board was not aware of it. He said the decision to sack Mr Venables was not made by Mr Sugar alone but by a majority of the directors.

Hackney initiative cuts crime on estate

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

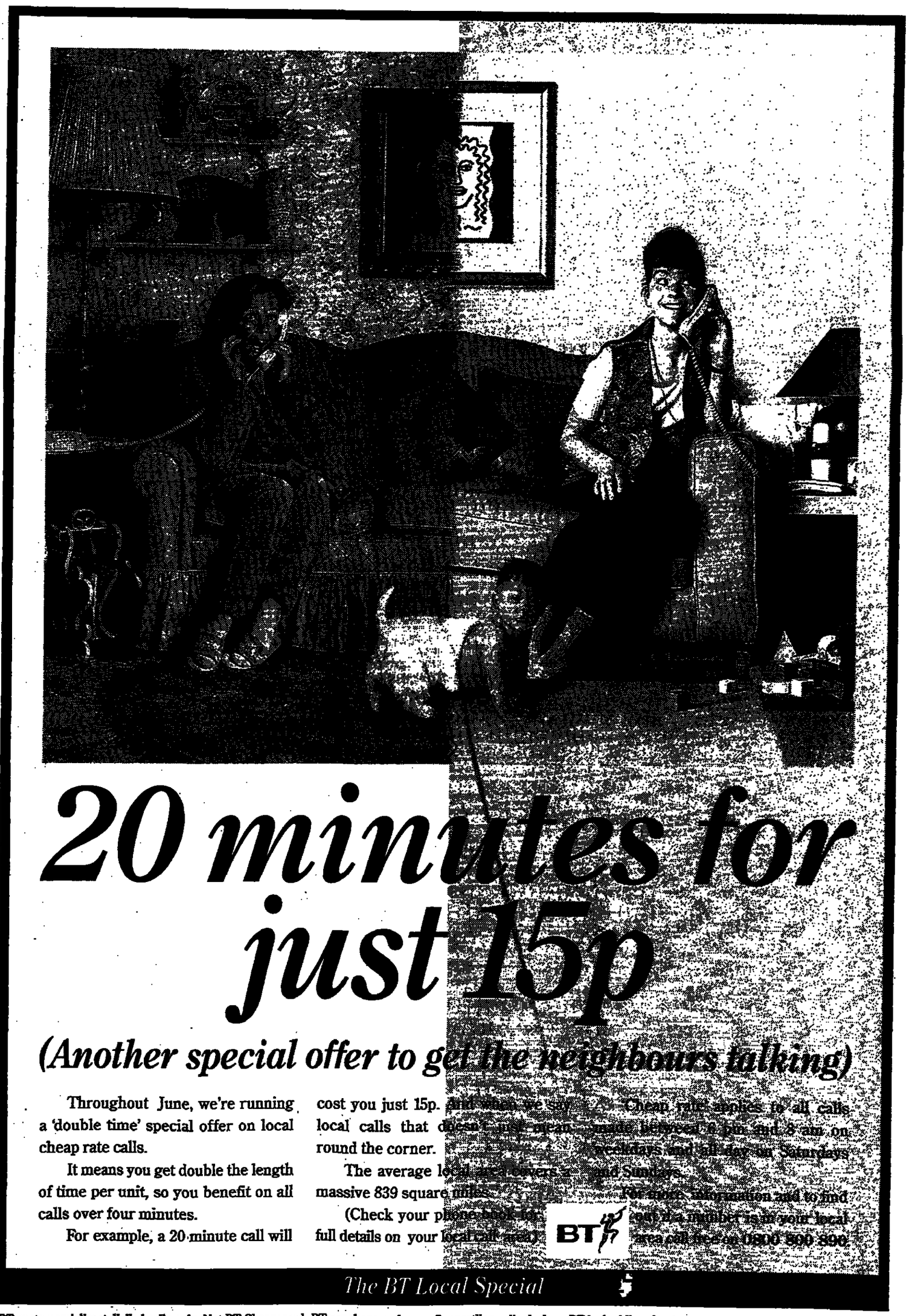
THE use of civil injunctions to curb young criminal suspects and their families on a troubled east London estate is being studied by other local authorities.

Hackney council has used the orders in a programme devised with police to tackle street crime and burglaries on the Kingsmead estate. Last year there were 340 burglaries on the thousand-home estate; this year there have been only 11.

Bernard Crofton, Hackney's director of housing, said there had been 200 street robberies in three months last year. Gangs were robbing and intimidating people. They were also smashing their way into homes and stealing anything they felt like.

The local initiative had led to nine people being charged after council workers and police persuaded witnesses to come forward. Witnesses were told they could be re-housed away from the estate if necessary.

In May Hackney won court orders against five young people restraining them from assaulting or threatening anyone on the estate or council employees. They are being restrained from entering homes without permission and damaging council property. Hackney has also begun proceedings for the eviction of four families.

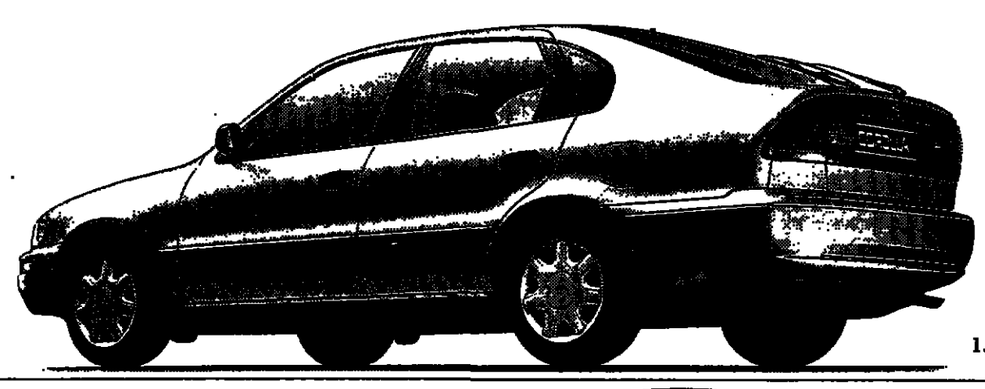


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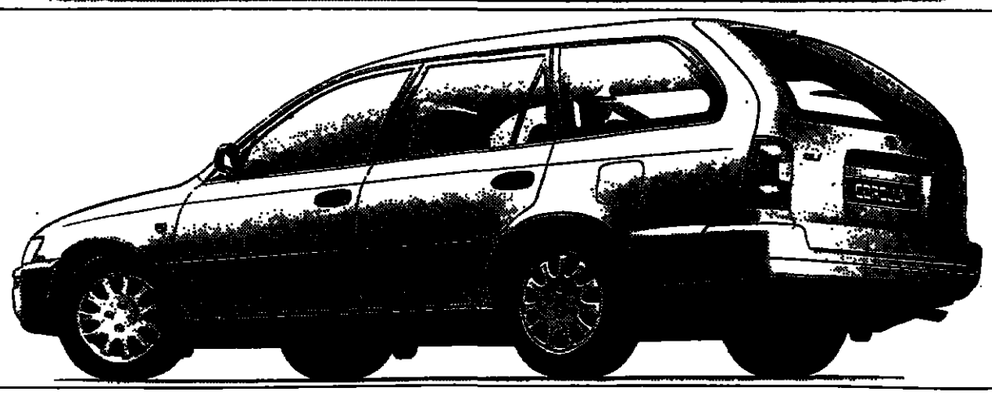
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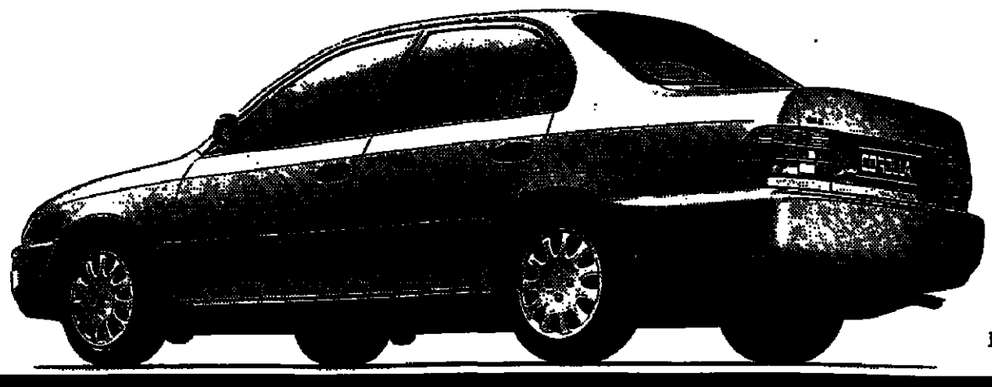
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Sentencing U-turn may lead to overcrowding

Prison service told to make emergency housing plans

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

PRISON service managers are preparing emergency plans involving the use of former military camps to cope with a predicted upsurge in the jail population as a result of the government's retreat on the Criminal Justice Act.

The Home Office instructed the prison service agency to look at all options for housing inmates because of fears of a return to the kind of overcrowding that sparked disturbances in 1990.

Senior officials in the prison service are looking at a range of options to cope with overcrowding, including the use of former military camps, hiring huge floating accommodation barges that can be moored on rivers and trying to house more inmates in existing jails.

Flat-topped barges with four storeys of rooms, similar to units used to house the Falklands garrison after the war, have been considered before as a way of resolving short-term overcrowding. A prison like it has been used in New York but any proposal to use one in England and Wales would probably need planning permission, provoking strong opposition.



Shaw: threat of more overcrowding

One option the service would be reluctant to take is to slow down the installation of internal sanitation in cells which has resulted in accommodation in a number of prisons being closed while building work is completed.

A document headed "prison population increase" has been sent by the service's tactical management unit to all prison governors in England and Wales. It says "this message is to warn you of the deteriorating population situation", and is dated June 1, less than three weeks after Kenneth Clarke announced the government's U-turn on the Criminal Justice Act.

Mr Clarke's decision led Home Office officials to predict privately that the changes, expected to receive Royal Assent before July, could lead to an increase of between 5,000 and 10,000 in the prison population.

Officials believe the amendment lifting the restrictions on the courts taking all previous convictions into account when sentencing an offender will trigger a rise in the number of people given custodial sentences.

The message to prison governors warns them that although the changes have not become law, "in the past we have found courts have tended to anticipate legislative change, especially in respect of sentencing practice".

Two days ago Michael Howard, the home secretary, hinted that emergency measures might be needed to provide more accommodation. Asked about contingency planning for an increase in the prison population, he said: "I have no announcement today about that."

Mr Howard said it was difficult to assess the consequences of the changes he inherited from his predecessor, Mr Clarke, who is now Chancellor and likely to resist strongly the budgetary implications of a bigger prison population.

One of the key influences behind the Criminal Justice Act was concern at overcrowding and alarm at the costs of imprisonment, which ranges from £752 per prisoner per week at Frankland top-security jail in Durham, to £535 at Brixton, south London, £434 at Norwich and £401 at Winchester.

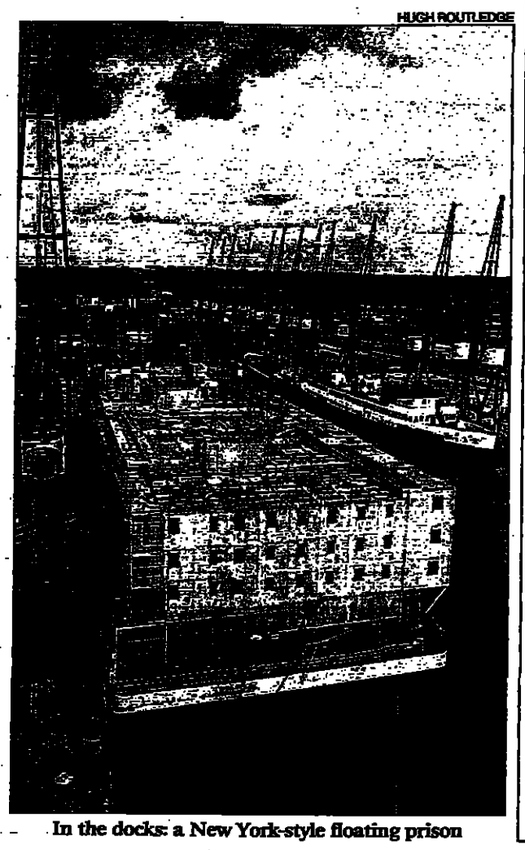
The latest figures show that the prison population in England and Wales on Thursday night was 43,833. The recommended capacity without overcrowding is 46,586, but jails can take an upper level of 49,962 inmates.

The figures showed that almost 800 cells were out of use as a result of vandalism or the programme of installing internal sanitation.

Stephen Shaw, of the Prison Reform Trust, said: "The decision which has been made by the home secretary on the Criminal Justice Act threatens a return to prison overcrowding, the use of prison cells and the whole process of prison reform as outlined by Lord Justice Woolf."

The Home Office instruction to the prison service is a remarkable reversal in the space of three months. In February, the service predicted that the capacity of the estate was likely to exceed the number of prisoners significantly for some time to come.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



In the docks: a New York-style floating prison

Cinderella girl 'beaten and abused'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A GIRL aged 12, described as a Cinderella, told an Old Bailey jury yesterday that she was sexually abused by her stepfather.

Giving her evidence on a video link, she said that she was raped several times by her stepfather from the age of about seven. She also claimed that he sexually abused her during games of doctors and nurses, and beat her. She described the stepfather as "It" and her mother as "Fat Frog".

The girl said she was rarely given enough to eat and was left unwashed for days. "I used to get called 'Smelly' by the other children at school." She said that she was forced to do the household chores and to collect cigarette stubs for her parents. The girl added that her stepfather beat her with a broom because she did not sweep the kitchen properly.

Linda Stern QC, for the prosecution, said: "She was the Cinderella of Greenford in west London. She led a Cinderella existence. She was rarely allowed out and not fed properly. She was hit regularly by her mother and stepfather."

The schoolgirl is one of seven children now aged between 11 and 21 who say they were repeatedly sexually abused by four members of a family over 11 years.

Three men and a woman from Ealing, west London, deny 28 charges, including rape, child cruelty and indecent assault. The case continues.

Priest is jailed for indecency

A Roman Catholic priest was jailed for 3½ years yesterday for indecently assaulting young boys and taking indecent photographs. Anthony McCallen, 47, formerly of Hull, pleaded guilty at Hull Crown Court.

The court was told that Customs and Excise had been suspicious of packages sent from Germany to McCallen's home. Indecent photographs of boys were found there.

Birds stolen

Thieves stole 45 birds, worth almost £66,000, from Blean Bird Park, near Canterbury, Kent. It is believed to be the biggest theft of captive birds.

Fishing claim

Fishermen are claiming thousands of pounds in compensation because work on a gas pipeline between Scotland and Ireland is keeping them from fishing grounds.

Early music

"String Quartet No 1", by John Herford, 8, of Northmoor, Oxfordshire, is to have its premiere at the Bournemouth International Festival next month.

Lipstick attack

A woman aged 89, from Yeovil, Somerset, has been questioned by police after lipstick was daubed over £5,000 worth of women's clothes.

Schoolgirls compete at county level

BY IAN MURRAY

NINETEEN teams from seven counties have been entered in the first under-14 girls inter-county chess tournament being held at Haverstock School, Chalk Farm, London, today.

Kent are strong favourites to win the title because their team includes Catherine Holmes and Rosalind Kieran, who have represented England in the world and European junior championships. The event has been organised by Bruce Birchell, the Middlesex county captain, who is an experienced coach of junior players.

"With all the fuss there is going on about the match between Nigel Short and Garry Kasparov it is very important that our junior players do not get forgotten," Mr Birchell said.

"The important thing is to capitalise on the big match in order to generate enthusiasm for the game, particularly among youngsters. Too many girls have been giving up playing the game when they go on to secondary school."

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

THE GAME below shows how Michael Adams, Britain's young number two from Truro, overcame Artur Yusupov, one of the world's most solid and dependable grandmasters. In a wild tactical melee it took particular courage by Adams to play 25 g4, which combines ambition and risk in equal measure.

White: Michael Adams
Black: Artur Yusupov
Munich 1993

Petroff Defence

1 e4 e5
2 Nf3 Nf6

Diagram of final position



3	Nxe5	d6	
4	Nf3	Nxe4	
5	d4	d5	
6	Bd3	Nc6	
7	0-0	Be7	
8	c4	Nb4	
9	Be2	Be6	
10	Nc3	0-0	
11	Be3	f5	
12	a3	Nxc3	
13	bxc3	Nc6	
14	Rb1	f4	
15	Bc1	Rb8	
16	cxd5	Bxd5	
17	Re1	Kh8	
18	Bd3	Qd7	
19	c4	Bd3	
20	Qxd3	Nxd4	
21	Qe4	Nf5	
22	Rb5	c5	
23	Bd4	Rbd8	
24	Bc2	b6	
25	g4	Rde8	
26	Rd1	Bd6	
27	Qd3	g5	
28	Qc3+	Nd4	
29	Rxd4	Qxg4+	
30	Kh1	Re1+	
31	Qxe1	Qf3+	
32	Kg1	gxd4	
33	Re4	Rg8+	
34	Kf1	Qh1+	
35	Ke2	Rg1	
36	Qc3+	Kg8	
37	Re8+	Kf7	
38	Be4	Qxh2	
39	Ra8	Rg3	
40	Rxa7+	Ke6	
41	Bd5+	Black resigns	

Talent spotting

Are there any undiscovered chess geniuses among *Times* readers? We are convinced there almost certainly are. If any reader has participated in a fine tactical game, or knows of a great game played by children, friends or even bitter enemies, send details to me. The best will be reproduced in this column. Mark it Readers Games, Championship Chess, The Times, 1 Pennington St, London E1 9XN.

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Benefit curbs will not hit genuinely ill, says Lilley

■ The dispute over invalidity aid, stirred by an unveiled memo, is likely to prove a further embarrassment for the government

BY JILL SHERMAN AND JONATHAN PRYNN

PETER Lilley defended plans to curb invalidity benefit yesterday, saying he would not penalise those who were genuinely sick and unable to work.

The social security secretary's admission that the government intended to crack down on the benefit, which costs over £6 billion a year, came as Labour attacked the government's integrity.

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, said ministers had misled the Commons in claiming that public spending cuts would not affect the vulnerable. Mr Brown said: "The scale of the deception, the betrayal of promises, the Treasury attack on the principles governing the welfare state and the raid on the poorest in our society means that the prime minister, Treasury ministers and the social security minister can never be trusted again."

His assault came after a draft memo from Mr Lilley to the prime minister was faxed to the Press Association by mistake on Thursday night. The memo, based on a meeting with Michael Portillo, the Treasury chief secretary, last Wednesday, outlined a three-pronged approach to curbing invalidity benefit, which goes to 1.5 million people. Ministers were yesterday trying to play down the content of the memo but Tory backbenchers agreed that the leak would prove another political embarrassment.

A DSS spokesman confirmed that the draft memo had been sent in error to the Press Association because someone had dialled 353 and an internal extension but had inadvertently got an outside line. "It was an absolute fluke that it went to PA," he said.

Although Mr Lilley said he had not seen the draft prepared by civil servants, he did not deny that plans to restrain the benefit were being drawn up as part of the spending review. "We want to stop in future anyone swinging the lead," he said on BBC radio.

The letter proposes tough medical tests to asses those applying for benefit and suggests the benefit would be "less generous" and taxable. The plans would save £180 million in 1995-6, £495 million by 1996-7 and £1.3 billion by the end of the century. It shows that Mr Lilley, who has a meeting with the prime minister next Tuesday, is under pressure to find greater savings. Mr Lilley said it was puzzling that three times as many people were claiming invalidity benefit as 15 years ago, though the nation's health was improving.

"There is no question of taking money away from those who are genuinely sick," Mr Lilley said. "It is a question of getting the right benefits to the right people." His overriding concern was to protect the position of the most vulnerable, but he warned to ensure that the system was economically sustainable. Donald Dewar, shadow social security secretary, said the government was asking the long-term sick to "bale Mr Major out of the mess that he has created".

Voluntary organisations also expressed their dismay at the plans. Angela Hadjipateras, policy officer for the campaign group Disability Alliance, said: "It is deplorable that cuts like these can be made to some of the most vulnerable people."

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ROBIN MAYES



Benefit doubt: Keith Armstrong, at the Mobility Roadshow, condemned the failure to look after the disabled

Disabled condemn 'double standards'

BY NICHOLAS WATT

DISABLED people accused the government of double standards yesterday after a leaked memo showed that ministers are considering cuts in invalidity payments.

Thousands gathered at the opening day of the Mobility Roadshow at the government's transport research centre in Crawthorne, Berkshire. Alan Pinn, who has claimed invalidity benefit for 15 years, said that a proposal to tax the benefit showed that the government was prepared to penalise the disabled while favouring the rich. "The government is all for retaining tax benefits for the wealthy while hitting disabled people the hardest," he said. "I was horrified when I heard about the leaked memo."

Keith Armstrong, from London, condemned the failure of the government to look after the disabled community, which was a potentially productive force.

Helen Robinson, from Newbiggin, Northumberland, who lives on invalidity benefit, said: "We have enough problems trying to keep ourselves on a low budget without having to cope with our benefit being taxed. Money vanishes very quickly and I honestly don't know how I'm going to cope next year when VAT is imposed on fuel bills."

Mrs Robinson, who had to give up her job 14 years ago because of congenital deformities, said that she and her husband received about £50 a week each in invalidity benefit and £30 each in mobility allowance. They also received money to pay for nurses.

She resented the implication in the memo that disabled people took from society. "I would love to work if only someone would give me a new set of legs," she said. "I would be able to earn my living and make a bit of money on top. Unfortunately Santa Claus ignores my request for new legs every year."

She supported a tightening of medical tests to weed out false claimants. "I think it is good to make sure that people really do qualify for the benefit. Then we can't possibly be called scroungers."

The roadshow, at which new equipment for the disabled could be tested, was opened by the Prince of Wales, who said that mobility was fundamental to an ideal life.

Increase in claims raises suspicions

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE sharp increase in claims for invalidity benefit over the past decade has aroused government suspicions. The number of claimants has nearly trebled from 600,000 in 1978-9 to 1.5 million today, and is projected to increase to 1.8 million by 1995-6.

Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, said on BBC radio yesterday: "It is not obvious to people why there should be two or three times as many people who are claiming benefit as there were ten or fifteen years ago, at a time when people's health has been improving and not getting worse."

Organisations that work with disabled people conceded that concern among GPs to ensure patients with chronic illnesses or disabilities had enough to live on may lead them to bend the rules. At £56.10 a week, plus additions ranging up to £11.95, the benefit is more generous than basic unemployment benefit of £44.65 a week and is paid indefinitely, unlike unemployment benefit.

Richard Gutch, director of Arthritis Care, said: "If people are being signed up wrongly by GPs for invalidity benefit it is because they don't have enough money to cover the costs of their disability... The government has got to start thinking about a comprehensive disability benefit." Invalidity benefit is paid to people forced to give up work as a result of an accident or illness which leads to long-term disability.

Margaret Lavery, senior adviser at the Disablement Income Group, said that imposing stricter medical criteria, such as the degree of limb movement, risked excluding those in genuine need. "Disablity affects different people in different ways. An academic might be unaffected but for a labourer work would be impossible," she said.

☐ The decision as to whether a patient is fit to work is entirely at the general practitioner's discretion (Dr Thomas Stuttaford writes).

No criteria as to what constitutes fitness are laid down by the DSS or the BMA. Each case has to be considered on its own merits and it is understood that doctors should not take into account the patient's family commitments or whether the patient would otherwise be unemployed.

Some patients are aggressive and a doctor may be tempted to sign a sickness benefit form in order to avoid a time-wasting scene. Or doctors may have established a long relationship with a patient and in order to preserve the patient's pride, decide it is better to have them drawing invalidity benefit rather than the dole.

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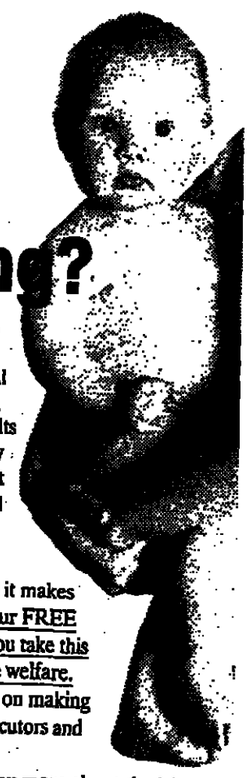
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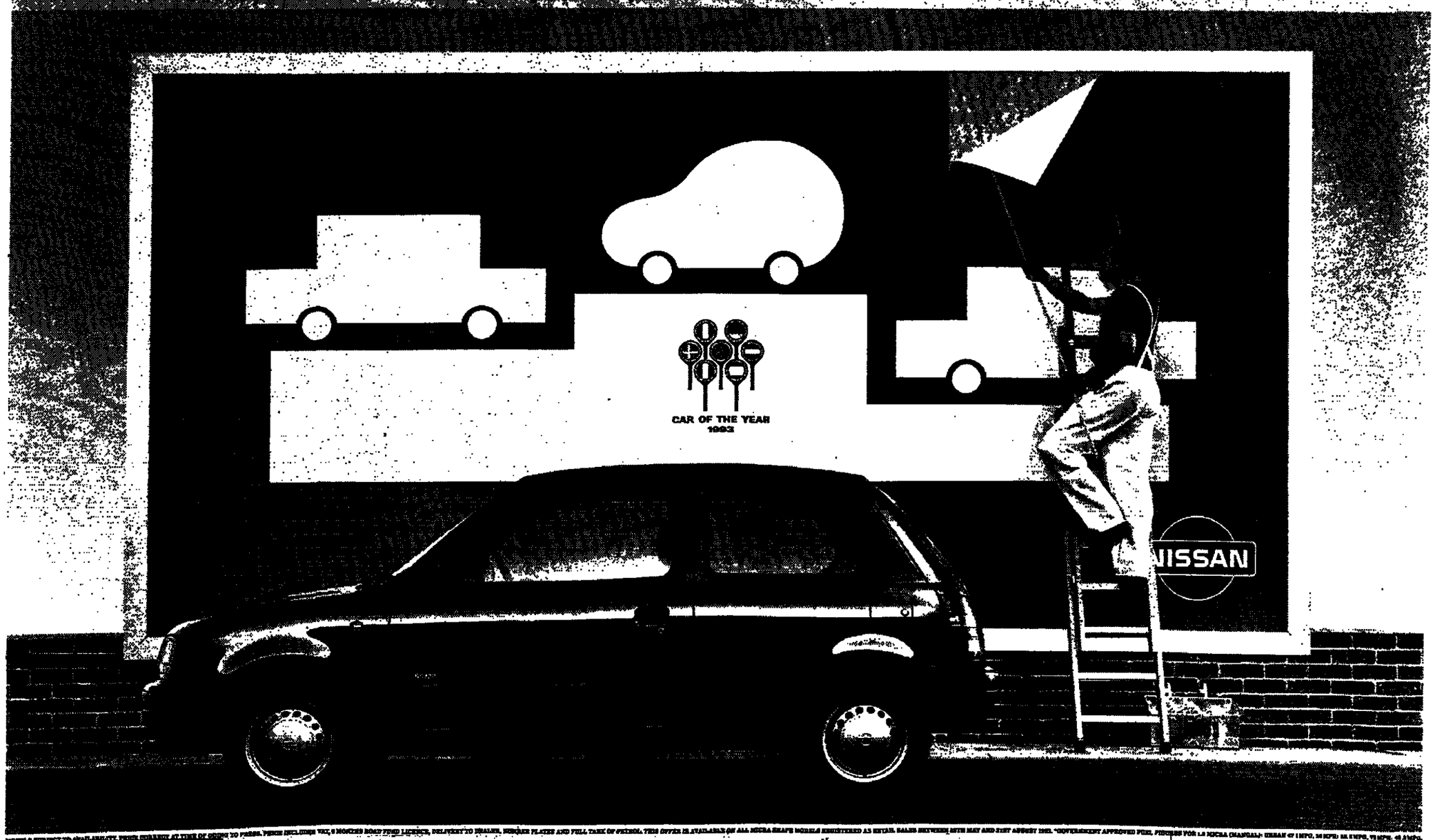
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Dealers and curators angered as Dutch experts quit their task after 25 years

Art team abandons quest to weed out fake Rembrandts

By Sarah Jane Checkland

A TEAM of Dutch experts has abandoned its task after 25 years of trying to determine which works are fakes among the 630 attributed to Rembrandt, leaving galleries and dealers angry and confused.

Four of the team of five have resigned and many of their pronouncements — concerning paintings in nearly every major collection — are being dismissed as invalid.

The collapse of the Rembrandt Research Project, funded by the Dutch government, leaves works dated 1642-69 unexamined and the criteria used to judge works in that period in question.

Christopher Brown, curator of Dutch paintings at the National Gallery, took a strong stance against the conclusion that the gallery's painting, Anna and the Blind Tobit, is by Gerrit Dou, Rembrandt's contemporary. Dr Brown has placed it prominently on show, fully attributed to Rembrandt.

Julian Agnew, a leading London art dealer, hopes to sell for a large profit the portrait that he bought for $800,000 two years ago in New York, following the committee's dismissal of the work. "It came from a distinguished collection and it had always been in the literature until the RRP volume," Mr Agnew said. If accepted by the market, it could be worth as much as £5 million. The British artist Nigel Konstam, who runs the Save Rembrandt Campaign, said the "monumental tomes" so far published should be exhibited in the Rijksmuseum as a permanent reminder of one of the least creditable episodes in the intellectual life of Europe.

Ernst van de Wetering, the remaining member of the team, was philosophical. "Because you cannot find truth doesn't mean you shouldn't perform such a project. We aren't there to satisfy anybody except art historians and art lovers," he said.

He regretted the "symbiosis" between the art market and academe that "pressurised us to pronounce into firm categories". In 1982, when the first volume was published, 44 of the 93 paintings from Rembrandt's earliest period were deemed substandard, while in 1983 a further 38 out of 100 paintings dating 1631-7 were reclassified.



Rembrandt: how many canvases?

Casualties included two paintings in the Queen's collection, three out of the six in the Wallace collection, four from the Hermitage, St Petersburg, three in the Louvre and two in the Metropolitan Museum, New York. Private owners affected included the Duke of Westminster, who had two works demoted.

One reason for the project's collapse is the time it has taken. The four who resigned, Josua Bruyn, Bob Haak, Symon Levie and Pieter van Thiel, are all in their seventies and want a rest. The number of paintings claimed to be by Rembrandt has proved too large to be covered by one generation. It took nearly 20 years to cover 10 years of the Rembrandt's life.

In a recent letter to the art world publication the *Burlington Magazine*, the four left their younger colleague Mr van de Wetering in charge, saying he has "a clear idea of the way ahead".

Another reason for the project's collapse is an apparent disagreement about how to operate. One solution suggested was to "abandon overrigorous classification" into categories A (accepted as being by Rembrandt), B (uncertain) and C (not accepted). It also suggests widening consultations to include a "broader range of specialists".

Gary Schwartz, an American expert, scorned the committee's methodology. Although they claimed their approach was subjective, he said, they never explained their criteria.

When the painting known as *An Old Woman: the Artist's Mother?* in the Queen's collection appeared in volume one confidently attributed to Rembrandt, Mr Schwartz said, glowing adjectives were used. In volume two they decided it was by Jan Lievens and used "disparaging adjectives".

Dr Brown believes 30 to 40 works should be reconsidered, including two in the Wallace collection. He has doubts about the attribution of paintings executed at about the time Rembrandt first moved to Amsterdam, in 1632.

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MARTIN BEDDALL



Drawing attention: Dr Christopher Brown at the National Gallery with one of the disputed Rembrandts

House-sale victims may lose refunds

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

A FUNDING shortage which could leave home-buyers who are victims of conveyancing fraud without compensation will be discussed at an emergency meeting of licensed conveyancers today.

The Society of Licensed Conveyancers faces a potential rise in large claims from the victims of dishonest conveyancers which would leave its compensation fund in danger of being exhausted. Solicitors faced a similar problem, but the 300-member society, which came into being with the breaking of the solicitors' conveyancing monopoly some five years ago, is only a fraction of the size of the 55,000-member solicitors' profession and lacks the means to raise adequate extra funding.

Last autumn, the licensed conveyancers were hit by a case in which fraud squad investigators were investigating the affairs of a Luton conveyancer, Robert Paul Atkins, who fled to Thailand, leaving debts thought to total some £600,000. At present, the compensation fund — thought to contain around £500,000 — is paid for by an annual subscription from members and is then insured. But if emergency levies are imposed, members might be forced to withdraw, leaving fewer people to find the money.

Options for tackling the crisis will be put to the meeting, including the setting up of a team of fraud investigators who would visit every licensed conveyancer in England and Wales every year.

Long delays as Tower Bridge closes

By Tim Jones
Transport Correspondent

THE 40,000 motorists who use Tower Bridge daily have been warned to use public transport from Monday, when it will be closed for three months for urgent structural repairs.

After almost a hundred years, the Thames bridge, which in 1894 was used by 8,000 horse-drawn carriages a day, has succumbed to the relentless pounding it receives from traffic it was never designed to handle. Police concede that despite signs warning motorists to take other routes, huge delays are inevitable as traffic which normally uses the bridge finds other routes into London.

Although the police are not recommending alternative routes, signs warning of the closure have been displayed on approach roads. Delays and traffic jams will be made worse in the City because of the closure of Bishopsgate, where bomb damage repairs are being carried out and by work at Bank Underground station, where six roads converge. Long delays are expected along the length of the main eastern approach from the recently opened Limehouse Link, along the The Highway and down Lower and Upper Thames streets. South of the river, traffic is expected to built up along Bridge Road, Jamaica Road, Tooley Street, Southwark Street, York Road and the Albert Embankment.

The bridge will close totally for four days from Monday, after which it will be open to the 11,000 pedestrians who use it and for cyclists pushing their bikes. A ferry will run between St Katherine's pier and Butler's Wharf.

Anglicans and the issue of authority

Credo

Eric Kemp

The ordination of women raises a problem of authority; to claim that its opponents are just concerned about the Roman Catholic view is an oversimplification.

The question of whether women can be ordained as priests rests upon other theological decisions relating to the significance of gender in the scheme of Creation, the significance of Christ's Incarnation as a man, the nature of ministerial priesthood and its relation to the Incarnation. On such matters individual churches may express opinions which contribute to the formation of a consensus of the Universal Church; but only such a consensus can provide the authority for a change in the tradition of a male priesthood to be made. That is why many of us are unable to accept that the Church of England has by itself the authority to act in this matter.

That, however, does not mean that we should leave the Church of England and become Roman Catholics. God has placed us in this Church of England and called us to share in its vocation and mission to the people of this country. We thank God for the much closer relationships and understanding between ourselves and our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters which have grown in the past 30 years, but we have to recognise that doctrinally important difficulties remain.

It has become clear that Vatican II made no substantial change to the decisions of Vatican I and that current doctrinal definitions still imply that Peter was given powers different in kind from those of the other apostles. That remains a basic problem for many of us in the Church of England.

It is going to be very difficult for Catholic Anglicans and indeed for many evangelicals to maintain their traditional position in the Church. Much will depend on how far the principle of the "two integrities", asserted by the House of Bishops, is honoured in practice, and fair words are matched by deeds; but God still calls us to serve him where we are and to witness to the truth in which we believe.

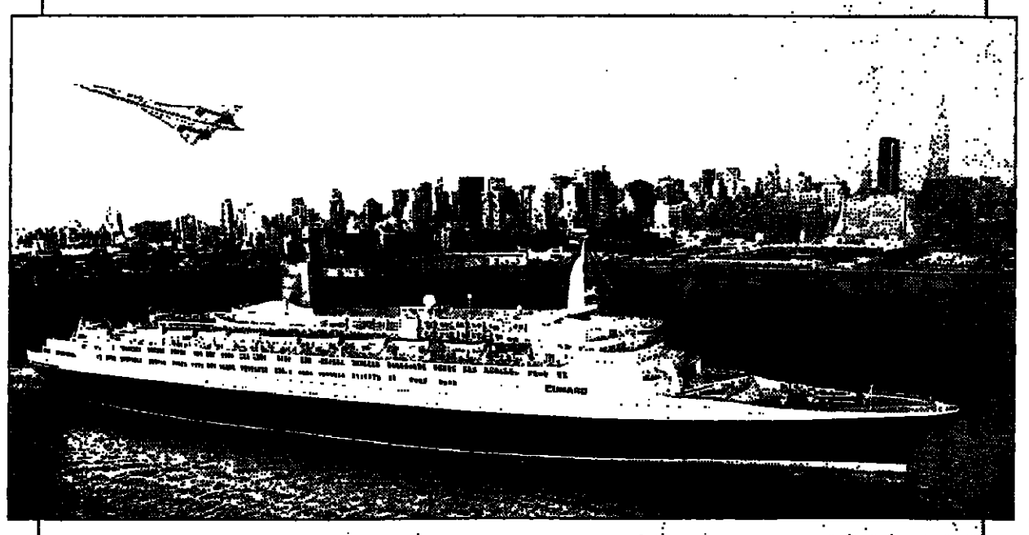
The Archbishop of Canterbury has spoken of opponents of the ordination of women as still having an honoured place in the Church, and in January the House of Bishops stressed that, particularly in relation to appointments. Nevertheless, there is a fear among many of the opponents that attempts will be made to squeeze them out, as happened in some other parts of the Anglican Communion.

It is no exaggeration to say that the credibility of the House of Bishops with a large section of the Church will depend on how far fine words are given practical expression.

☐ *Dr Eric Kemp is the Bishop of Chichester. Next week: Umar Hegedus, director of Amana, an organisation which promotes understanding of Islam, on the issue of Muslim women.*

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Crabs are blamed for ocean scare

By Nick Nuttall
Technology Correspondent

ONE of the great riddles of the sea has been solved by scientists who believe that a large species of crab is to blame for creating the appearance of unexpected shallow waters in the western Indian Ocean.

Ship captains have been panicked into thinking that their vessels were about to run aground in the seas off the coast of Somalia and Yemen.

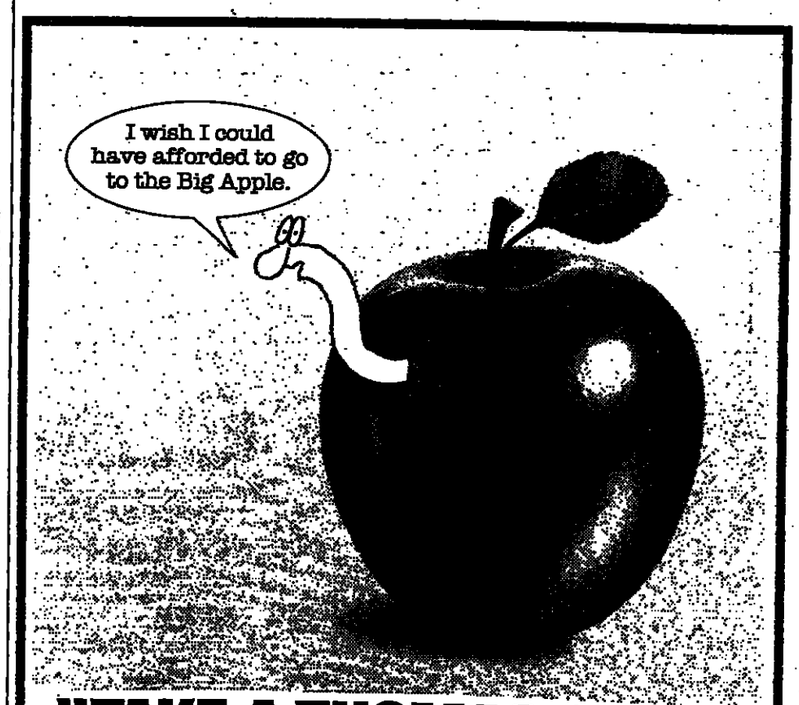
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Dr Peter Schalk, a member of the team, said yesterday that the crabs were found to live in extremely dense numbers and their backs scattered ships' sonar, giving the false depth readings.

Dr Schalk said it appeared that the crabs lived deeper down during the day to avoid predators, and followed their food sources up to the surface in the early evening.

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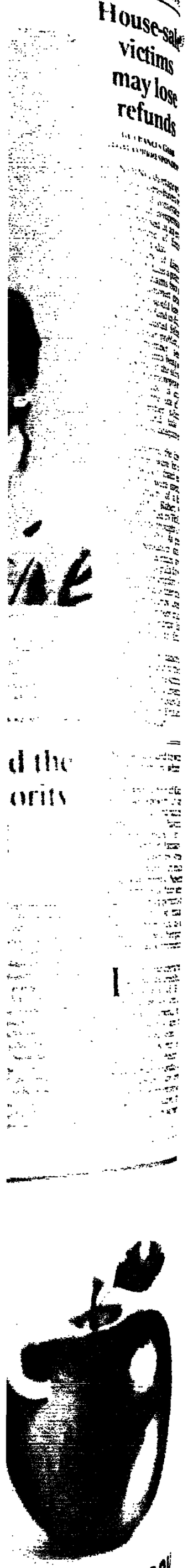
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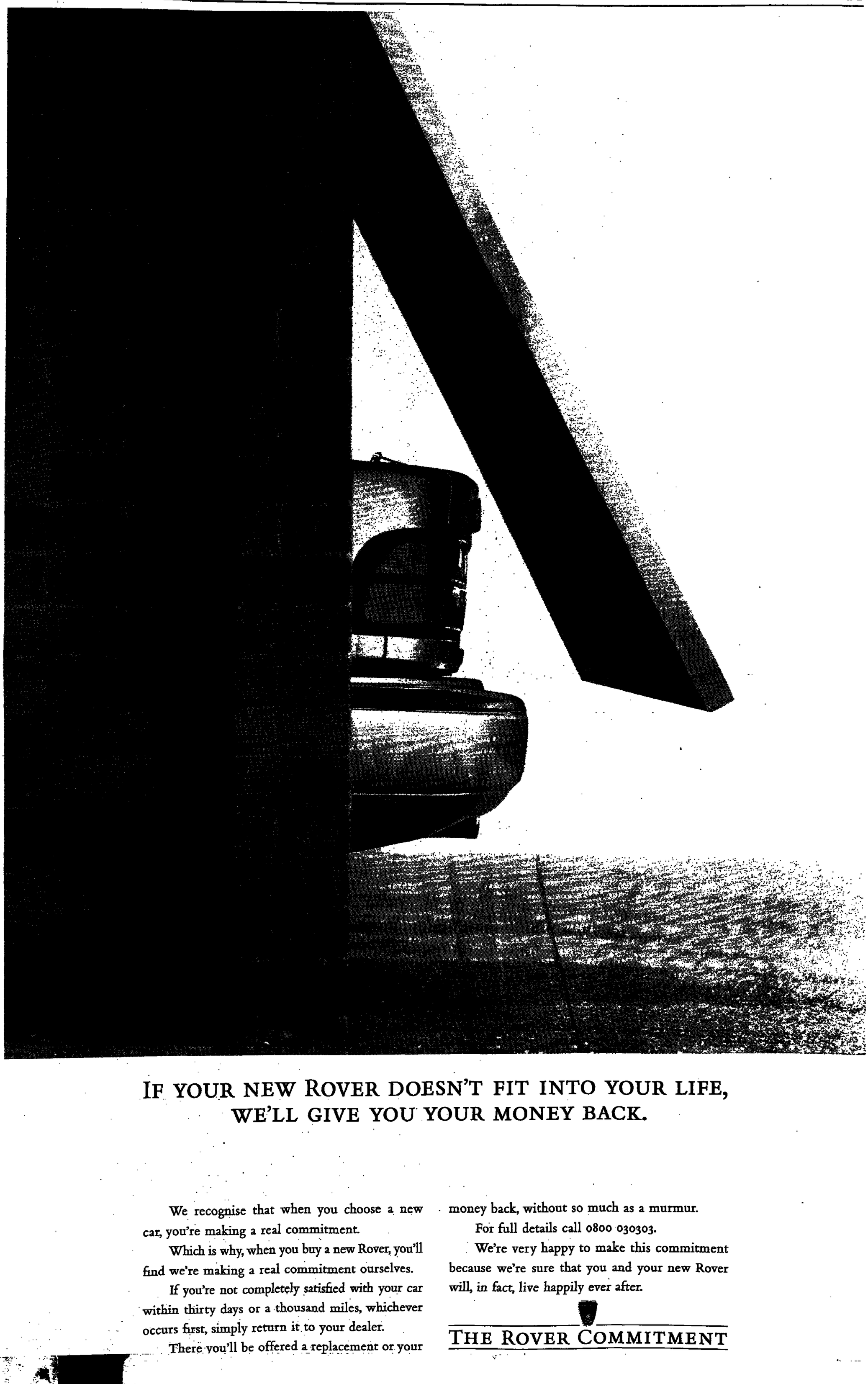
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Queen gives thanks to Bosnia colonel

By James Landale and Louise Hidalgo

THE former commander of British forces in Bosnia, Lieutenant Colonel Bob Stewart, heads a list of those who have worked for peace in the former Yugoslavia in the Queen's birthday honours today. Col Bob, as he became known to millions of television viewers, is made a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order in recognition of his "gallant and distinguished service".

Brig Roderick Cordy-Simpson, formerly of the 13th/18th Royal Hussars, another colourful figure who served in Bosnia, is made a Companion of the Order of the Bath. Capt Vanessa Lloyd-Davies, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, who becomes an MBE, is the only female soldier to receive an award for services in the former Yugoslavia. She headed the UN medical team in Sarajevo and achieved fame for risking her life to bring a two-month-old baby to hospital while dodging mortar fire.

Some civilians are also honoured for their service in Bosnia. Peter Hall, a special adviser to Lord Owen, is made a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire. Lesley Sewell, a nurse with the British Red Cross, and William Milton, a convoy driver for the Overseas Development Adminstration, are made OBEs for their services to humanitarian relief.

The honours list is rich in rewards for the world of entertainment and the arts, with Sir Richard Attenborough and Sir Yehudi Menuhin, being made life peers.

Sir Yehudi, long recognised as the greatest living violinist and a prodigious campaigner for good causes, said yesterday: "I have long admired the institution of the House of Lords and believe that their high mission is to represent people rather than parties. My own contribution can, of necessity, only be minor but I shall strive to prove worthy of the great honour bestowed upon me."

Sir Richard, who has campaigned tirelessly to promote the British film industry as well as directing and acting in many great films, said he was very happy to have been given the opportunity to speak in the House of Lords on its behalf.

The actress Thora Hird, who becomes a dame, described her honour as "the icing on the cake" of a career which has spanned more than 80 years. She made her first stage appearance at the age of three months. In recent years she has presented BBC's *Songs of Praise* and is currently filming a new religious affairs series, *Thora on the Straight and Narrow*.

Michael Aspel, who is made an OBE, said: "Up until now I had regarded myself as a promising young apprentice. Presumably this means I have qualified." Aspel said.

News that he had been awarded an OBE was greeted with characteristic humour by the comedian Bob Monkhouse, who receives the honour in recognition of his charitable work with young disabled people. Monkhouse, 65, said: "I had never dreamed that OBE stood for Old Bob's Excitement."

The explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes and his partner Dr Michael Stroud are made OBEs. The two men earlier this year became the first to walk unaided across the Antarctic, raising money for charity.

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Sir Ranulph: honoured for adventurous exploits

DIPLOMATIC SERVICE AND OVERSEAS LIST

KNIGHT

Pantlin, Dick Hurst, services to British interests and the British community in Europe.

Order of St Michael and St George

KCMG

Macrae, Alistair Christopher Donald Summerhayes, British High Commissioner, Lagos.

Maud, Humphrey John Hamilton, Ambassador, Buenos Aires.

CMG

D H Colvin, minister, Brit Emb, Rome; **C A K Cullimore**, Brit High Commr, Kampala; **A S J H Figgis**, FCO; **R H T Gozney**, FCO; **J F R Martin**, cnsllr, UK Mission to UN; **D N Reddaway**, cnsllr and ch d'aff, Brit Emb, Tehran; **M J Robinson**, cnsllr, Brit Emb, Belgrade; **T W Savage**, FCO; **B Smith**, Brit High Commr, Port of Spain; **D C Walker**, Brit High Commr, Accra; **B Watkins**, Brit High Commr, Mbabane; **P H D Wetton**, dir gen Brit Trade Devel Italy, Consul-Gen, Milan.

Order of the British Empire

CBE

John Chan Cho-chak, sec for educ and manpwr, HK; **Thomas Chen Tseng-tao**, dir Hang Lung Devel Co, HK; **K T Fuad**, Just of Appeal, HK; **M E I Kempster**, Just of Appeal, HK; **Prof J R Knowles**, dean of arts and sciences fclty, Harvard Univ; **A B N Morey**, Ambass, Ulan Bator; **Lt Col H C B Overbury**, ltly hd, Merger Force, EC, Brussels.

OBE

R J Arcalli, Leg Cclr, HK; **R W Barnett**, ltly first sec, Brit Emb, Bonn; **L M Birch**, serv to Brit comml intrsts, Hungary; **H A Blackburne**, serv to Brit commty, Nigeria; **D J B W Buchan**, serv to jrnlsm.

N B S Colchester, serv to jrnlsm; **A Cox**, ltly hd of NATO trans serv; **J S Duncan**, ltly ch d'aff, Brit Emb, Tirana; **Dr H C Dyer**, serv to devel Caribbean publ hlth; **Mrs Katherine Fok Lo Shiu-ching**, Commr for Lab, HK; **M J Guy**, FCO; **Dr A R Hall**, first sec, Brit Emb, Kathmandu; **Frederick Ho Wing-huen**, Commr, Census and Stats, HK; **Hon Simon Ip Sik-on**, Leg Cclr, HK; **R H Isaacs**, Br Ccl rep, Rangoon; **B Jeeves**, serv to Brit comml intrsts in Switzerland; **B G Jenney**, dir of audit, HK; **D S Keith**, supt of publ wks, St Kitts and Nevis; **Keith Lam Hon-keung**, serv to HK commty.

A Maduro, serv to Brit Virgin Is commty; **R T Masters**, ltly dir, Mott MacDonald Gp, Mozambique; **Mrs D A McCloskey**, pres, NY State br of friends of Churchill Meml; **E J McConnell**, serv to Brit intrsts in Canada; **R T Montgomery**, ltly Brit Emb, Moscow.

D A Newell, rep, Oxfam Trading Bridge, Thailand; **S M Noakes**, ltly first sec, Brit Emb, Luanda; **J E Oliver**, serv to Brit comml intrsts in Belgium; **R J Perrott**, fin sec, St Helena; **P J Phelan**, ltly first sec, Brit Emb, Moscow; **A M Plumb**, serv to Brit comml intrsts in Korea; **Dr Pun Kwok-shing**, dir of planning, HK; **P R Reid**, serv to devel in Nigeria; **Siu Chuen**, dir drainage serv, HK; **Jack So Chak-kwong**, ltly exec dir, Trade Devel Ccl; **R A Steedman**, dir, Br Ccl, Muscat; **Donald Tsang Yam-kuen**, dir gen trade, HK; **Dominic Wong Shing-wah**, dir of educ, HK.

MBE

J A Adams, dir gen, Santiago Inst Chileno-Britanico; **Miss A G M Addison**, hd of arts, Brit Ccl, Brussels; **Miss C J Bayley**, serv to Brit intrsts in Argentina; **A L Benjamin**, serv to commty in Bermuda; **J Brade**, ltly EC monitg missn, Zagreb; **E A Brooks**, serv to commty in Turks and Caicos Is; **Mrs P J Bygrave**, serv to Brit commty in Peru.

Miss M E Campbell, dir of nursing, Riyadh hosp; **Mrs S Cassell**, serv to hndcppd childn in Montserrat; **Chan Wah-Chan**, welf superv, civil aid serv, HK; **Chau Ka-ki**, supt of posts, HK; **Mrs Chiu So Yim-shan**, ch conf intrptr, HK; **Dr I H Cochrane**, med and welf serv to commty in Bangladesh; **Mrs M G Cochrane**, med and welf serv to commty in Bangladesh; **F G Corso**, serv to sick and needy in Gibraltar; **Mrs C P Cracraft**, v-consul (publ aff), Consul-Gen, Chicago; **K R Creed**, sen tech rep, BAe, Indonesia.

Mrs V M Das, serv to disabled in India; **B J Davis**, serv to Brit and Commwlth commty in Detroit; **P W Draper**, serv to hndcppd in Mauritius; **P G Edwards**, ltly ch sec offr, UK delegn to NATO; **Mrs I L [illegible]**, serv to Brit commty in Marseilles; **T J Finlayson**, govt archvst, Gibraltar; **E Flaherty**, serv to devel of educ in Bangladesh; **Miss S M Fleming**, serv to Brit commty in Fez.

Mrs J H Gillespie, v-consul, Brit Emb, Paris; **Miss D Glover**, pers asst, ICAC, HK; **Miss D E Gordon**, second sec, Brit Emb, Bogota; **H A Gray**, tech wks superv, Brit Emb, Riyadh; **Mrs J Harrod**, third sec, off of UK perm rep to EC, Brussels; **P C Hawkins**, serv to Brit commty in Lille; **Mrs G M R Hill**, serv to arts in Bermuda; **Dr Raymond Ho Chung-tai**, serv to educ in HK; **R F Hughes**, ch sec offr, Brit High Commn, Islamabad; **N Hutchison**, serv to Brit comml intrsts in France; **Mrs M E Janson**, serv to commty in Rotterdam; **A P Johnson**, dep dir, civ aviatn, Cayman Is; **B Jones**, serv to Brit commty in UAE.

Mrs A B Kauffmann, consulr clrk, Brit Consul, Willemstad; **G P Knowles**, hon Brit Consul, Port Elizabeth; **Raymond Lai Ming-kee**, asst commr, Correct Servs Dept, HK; **Lam Kam-hop**, sen supplies superv, electl and mechl servs dept, HK; **Lau Shiu-sin**, Cmdnt, Civil Aid servs, HK; **Lee Chun-king**, clerical offr, Lab Relns serv, HK; **Mrs D W T-H Li**, welf serv to commty in HK; **R J Lilburn**, hdmast, Inter-Commty Sch, Zurich; **Ling Chiu-lok**, ch tech offr, Survey and Mapping Off, HK; **John Loo Wun-loong**, serv to devel of tech trg in HK.

Mrs F McKeogh, ltly pers asst, off of UK perm rep to EC, Brussels; **Miss M McLaren**, pers asst, Brit Emb, Tehran; **D R Messling**, dep dir of housg, HK; **E W Mills**, serv to Brit commty in Stavanger; **Mrs Joan Ming Cham Chung-ting**, midwife, Tsan Yuk Hosp, HK; **J A Perry**, ltly Hony Consul, Pointe Noire; **D A W Pinder**, night guard, Brit Emb, Paris; **Dr J Prager**, med serv to poor in Calcutta; **Miss E R Rea**, pers asst, off of UK perm rep to EC, Brussels; **P Richardson**, serv to the Brit commty in Antwerp; **Mrs A Risso**, serv to hndcppd in Gibraltar.

Mrs J Saliba, secretariat, Deutsch-Englische Gesellschaft; **B Seaman**, serv to educ in E Africa; **M G Sheppard**, serv to the Brit commty in Chile; **Miss J F Stevens**, ltly pers asst, Brit Emb, Moscow; **Suen Kin-chung**, asst offr Hei Ling Chau Trmnt Centre, HK.

Miss M Tennant, drvr, Brit Consul-Gen, Melbourne; **Dr B E L Thompson**, med serv to poor in India; **Dr H M Thompson**, med serv to poor in India; **William Wan Hon-cheung**, serv to commty in HK; **P A S Wise**, sen admin offr, HK Govt Off, London; **C D Wright**, v-consul, Brit Consul-Gen, Joburg; **Yuen Tak-ming**, sen clerical offr, devel div, Buildg Ord Off, HK.

AWARDS FOR SERVICE ... REPUBLIC OF ...

Order of the Bath

CB

Brig R A Cordy-Simpson, late 13th/18th R Hussars; **W D Reeves**, gde 3, MoD.

Order of the British Empire (Military)

CBE

Brig D A Cranston, late ACP; **Brig A A J R Cumming**, late 17/21 L; **Lt Col (Act Col) D H Wright**, Royal Army Medical Corps.

OBE

Lt Col M J Cornwell, DERR; **Lt Col D R Ellis**, R Log Corps; **Lt Col (Act Col) J S Field**, RE.

MBE

Maj A M Abraham, 9/12 L; **Maj R L Barrons**, RA; **Staff Sgt P S Bristo**, R Logistic Corps; **Staff Sgt (Act Woclass II) K J Bywater**, R Signals; **Staff Sgt G Grieveson**, RE; **Capt (Act Maj) J M Grimshaw**, RE; **Capt P A Jones**, R Log Corps; **Maj I B F Lane**, RADC; **Capt (local Maj) S V Lloyd-Davies**, RAMC; **Staff Sgt (now WO Class II) D C Maxwell**, Adjutant gen's corps (SPS); **Lt (Act Capt) D McKeown**, RE; **WO Class I R A Millard**, BEM Int Corps; **Cpl (Act Sgt) G D Newitt**, RAMC; **Cpl D P Sheerin**, R Signals; **Maj M A Stevenson**, R Signals; **WO Class I R A Straney**, R Logistic Corps; **Maj G M Thomas**, Cheshire; **Cpl J S Till**, RE; **WO Class I S J Whytock**, R Signals.

Air Force Cross

Lt Cdr G W A Wallace, RN; **Wing Cdr T J Williams**, RAF.

Mention in Despatches

L/Cpl T Byrne, R Logistic Corps; **Capt (Act Maj) J P S Donnelly**, Cheshire; **Capt M J Dundas-Whatley**, Cheshire; **2nd Lt T Ellis**, Cheshire; **Lt T J Kelly**, RN; **Maj J W Mitchell**, RE; **Maj M N Pountain**, RA; **Lt (Act Capt) R P Ryan**, Cheshire; **WO Class 1 C S D Stevens**, Cheshire; **Lt Col M D Wood**, Royal Logistic Corps; **Lt M R Woolley**, 9/12 L.

DSO

Lt Col R A Stewart, Cheshire.

Military Cross

Maj P W Tucker, RA.

Queen's Gallantry Medal

C A M W Forgrave, Cheshire; **L N Ilic**, LI; **WO Class 1 J W McNair**, RAMC; **C Sgt J C Oram**, Cheshire; **Cpl N K Pettit**, RE; **Lt A A Watts**, Cheshire.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

Cpl S W Barr, REME; **Cpl J T MK Millar**, REME; **Staff-Sgt R A J Poulter**, REME; **WO Class I A F Sterenberg**, 9/12 L.

Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air

Lt K J Smith, RN.

Order of the British Empire (Civil)

CBE

The Hon Dr G Greenall, consult to ODA.

OBE

G G Hammond, prin inf offr, MoD; **I M Reid**, electrl engr, Bosnia Energy Supply Projt, serv to humanit relief; **W Tyas**, project mgr, Bosnia Energy Supply Project, serv to humanit relief.

MBE

J D Crosthwaite, ODA convoy mgr; **J A L Ellis**, ltly ODA convoy drvr; **D Houston**, 1st sec (aid), Brit Emb, Zagreb, Croatia; **W R Milton**, ODA convoy drvr; **N D Moore**, ODA convoy mgr; **Miss L A Sewell**, fld nurse, Brit Red Cross Soc; **Mrs M G Smart**, pers asst to Lord Owen.

Diplomatic Service and Overseas List

Order of the British Empire

KBE

Hall, Peter Edward, spec advr to Lord Owen at Geneva Conf.

LIFE PEERS

BARONS

Attenborough, Sir Richard, actor, producer and director.

Dahrendorf, Sir Ralf, Warden of St Antony's College, Oxford.

Leigh-Pemberton, Robert (Robin), governor, Bank of England, and Lord Lieutenant of Kent.

Menuhin, Sir Yehudi, violinist, conductor.

PRIVY COUNSELLORS

Freeman, Roger Norman, MP for Kettering, for political service.

Young, Sir George Samuel Knatchbull, MP for Ealing Acton, for political service.

KNIGHTS

Berry, Professor Colin Leonard, professor of morbid anatomy, Royal London Hospital, chairman, Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

Biggam, Robin Adair, chairman, BICC, for services to the cable and construction industries.

Birrell, James Drake, director and chief executive, Halifax Building Society, for services to the building society movement.

Brittan, Samuel, principal economic commentator and assistant editor, *Financial Times*, for services to economic journalism.

Chessells, Arthur David Tim, chairman, London Health Services Implementation Group, for services to the NHS in London.

Collins, John Alexander, lately chairman, Advisory Committee on Business and Environment, for services to the environment.

Cooksey, David James Scott, chairman, Audit Commission for Local Authorities and National Health Service in England and Wales, for services to local government.

Dorey, Graham Martyn, Bailiff of Guernsey, for services to Guernsey.

Hall, Ernest, chairman, Dean Clough Industrial Park, Halifax, for services to training and enterprise.

Hotung, Joseph Edward, for charitable services, particularly to the British Museum.

Howell, Ralph Frederic, MP for Norfolk North, for political service.

Jack, Dr David, non-executive director, Cancer Research Campaign Technology, for services to the pharmaceutical industry.

Knox, David Laidlaw, MP for Staffordshire Moorlands, for political service.

Kulukundis, Eddie (Elias George), for charitable services to sport and to the arts.

Large, Peter, chairman, Joint Committee on Mobility for Disabled People.

Lickiss, Michael Gillam, senior partner, Grant Thornton (UK), for services to accountancy.

Miller, Ronald Andrew Baird, executive chairman, Dawson International, for services to the textile industry.

Murray, Kenneth, professor of molecular biology, University of Edinburgh, for services to science.

Quigley, Dr William George Henry, chairman, Ulster Bank, for services to public life in Northern Ireland.

Rees, Dr David Allan, secretary and chief executive, Medical Research Council, for services to science.

Sampson, Colin, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland.

Simmons, Stanley Clifford, for services to medicine.

Stansfield Smith, Professor Colin, county architect, Hampshire County Council, for services to architecture.

Spiers, Donald Maurice, controller aircraft, Ministry of Defence.

Stringer, Donald Edgar, for political service.

Thompson, Gilbert Williamson chief executive, Manchester Airport, for services to air transport.

Turner, Colin William Carstairs, for political and public service.

Watson, Duncan Amos, immediate past president, World Blind Union, formerly chairman, Access Committee for England, for services to blind people.

Wright, Peter Robert, director, the Birmingham Royal Ballet.

ORDER OF THE BATH

KCB

Graham, Peter QC, First Parliamentary Counsel.

CB

D J Bentley, gde 3, Home Off; **W J Hodges**, perm sec, Agric dept, NI; **D J Hodgkins**, gde 3, HSE, Dept of Emp; **C K Howes**, second commr and ch exec, Crown Est; **R G S Johnston**, gde 3, PSA servs internat, Dept of Env; **P Mackay**, gde 2, Scot Off; **S C T Matheson**, gde 2, In Rev; **N L J Montagu**, gde 2, DoT; **T J G Pratt**, ltly dep Treas solr; **Dr J L Reed**, sen prin MO, DoH; **A C Russell**, gde 3, DTI; **E A Simpson**, dir, NI ct serv; **Dr G S Sorrie**, ltly ch exec, occ hlth serv, Public Serv and Sci Off; **H D S Venables**, Offl Solr, Ld Chanclr's Dept.

ORDER OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE

CMG

Fitchew, Geoffrey Edward, lately director general, EC Commission.

Gatt, Colin, director, Commonwealth Development Corporation Managed Projects, for services to the Commonwealth Development Corporation.

ORDER OF THE COMPANIONS OF HONOUR

CH

Sisson, Charles Hubert, writer, for services to literature.

Widdowson, Dr Elsie May, president, British Nutrition Foundation, for services to science.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

DBE

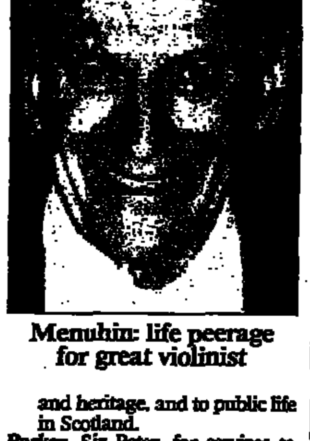
Hird, Miss Thora (Mrs Scott), actress, for services to drama.

Spark, Mrs Muriel Sarah, writer, for services to literature.

KBE

Marquess of Bute, John Crichton-Stuart, for services to the arts and heritage, and to public life in Scotland.

Parker, Sir Peter, for services to public life.



Menuhin: life peerage for great violinist

CBE

J Beadle, ltly chm, Peak Pk Plng Bd; **J W Beech**, ch fire offr Kent; **A J Booth**, MD spec and internat busnss BT; **C Boswell**, ltly ch agric insp, HSE, Dept of Emp; **Mrs E L Botting**, serv to Top Sals Rvw Bdy; **P T Brazier**, ltly gde 5, COI; **I Brownlie QC**, Chichele prof of publ internat law, Oxf Univ; **W C Bryden**, hd tv drama BBC Scot, assoc dir, R Nat Theatre; **P G Burke**, prof math physics, Queen's Univ Belfast; **J H Burrow**, Ch Const, Essex pol; **N J T Butler**, dir soc servs, Hants Cnty Ccl.

C J Campbell, chm, Brit Shipbldrs Corp; **P J Clarke**, gde 4, FCO; **Miss L Collier**, prin ballerina, R Ballet; **P Collinson**, Regius prof mod hist, Camb Camb; **N L Colne**, non-exec dir, DSS mgemt bd; **Miss F M Cook**, dep chm, Publ Wks Loan Bd; **P C R Crossley**, pianist, artstc dir, Lond Sinfnta.

T E Daniels, gde 5, MoD; **F J Davies**, ch exec, Rockware Gp; **W Devlin**, dir, loc entpse devel unit NI; **R L Dommett**, dep ch scient offr, Def Res Agy; **Dr A G Donald**, pres, R Coll of GPs; **R T Fox**, v-chm, Kleinwort Benson Gp; **Dr A Franks**, gde 5, DTI.

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N M Johnson, gde 5, Home Off; **F P M Johnston**, chm, Johnston Press; **G S Jones**, ch exec, S4C; **Prof D G Julian**, consult med dir, Brit Heart Fndtn; **R Kent**, dir, Waverley Care Tst, publ serv in Scot; **B H Knight**, prof forensic pathgy, Univ Wales Coll Med, hon consult pathgst S Glam Hlth Auth; **M F Knox**, gde 5, HM Bd of Customs and Ex.

N Lessels, chm, Standard Life; **R P Lister**, chm, bd of govrs, Coventry Univ; **P E Lovelock**, ch exec, Wales Tst Bd; **S R Lyons**, chm and ch exec, R Doulton.

Dr I M Macfarlane, chm, Lat-Am Trade Advry Gp, serv to expt and ICI Fibres; **I R Marks**, chm, packgg panel, Food and Drink Fedn; **Prof J S Marsh**, chm, Agric Wages Bd; **Dr R J Maxwell**, sec and ch exec, King's Fund; **Dr A D McIntyre**, prin med offr, Scot Home and Hlth Dept; **R M McKinlay**, chm, BAe Airbus; **D J McPherson**, convener, Highland Reg Ccl, for serv to Scot loc govt; **J S Metcalfe**, prof of econs, Manchstr Univ; **D Mitchell**, chm, S West Reg Advry Bd, NRA; **T Moore**, ch exec offr, Conoco; **Col A F Niekirk**, chm, ccl of TAVR Assoc's pension plan.

Miss F J Palmer, opera singer; **D L Pascall**, ltly chm, Nat Curriculum Ccl; **Prof J A Patmore**, v-chm, Sports Ccl; **A C Peak**, jt dep ch exec, VSEL Consm; **E J Peett**, dir, Vodafone Gp; **C S Porteous**, solr for Met police; **Dr I M H Preston**, ch exec, Scot Power; **G K Radda**, Brit Heart Fndn prof of molec cardlgy, Oxford Univ.

J Rayner, rabbi emeritus, Lib Jewish synagogue; **B Roberts**, librn, Nat Libry for Wales; **E J Roberts**, ch exec, Heath Springs, serv to W Mids busnss, publ life; **J A Robson**, sen prin insp taxes, In Rev; **D A Ross**, ltly chm, Sn Electr; **J A Ross**, pres, NFU Scot.

S J Sacher, chm, Whitehall and Indust Gp; **Mrs M E Salisbury**, ltly ch, Wiltshire Cnty Ccl; **P Sebastian**, publ serv in Lond; **Mrs M M Simpson**, sec to Post Off Corp.

C W Smith, serv to loc govt, partic E Anglia; **Prof D G Grahame-Smith**, chm, Advry Ccl on Misuse of Drugs; **Prof H Smith**, serv to MoD; **G H Stacy**, dir of profl standards, Price Waterhouse Euro; **Dr (Isobel Jane) N Sterling**, chm, Stndg Med Advry Cttee; **R H M Symons**, chm, Poole Hosp Tst.

B D Taylor, exec chm, Medeva, serv to expt and pharmacl indust; **Prof J O Thomas**, Prof Macromolec Biochmsty, Camb Univ; **P C Tudball**, chm, Baltic Exch, serv to the shipg indust; **A D Tuffin**, gen sec, UCW, serv to indust rels and hlth and sfty; **D Tunnicliffe**, MD, Lond Ugrnd.

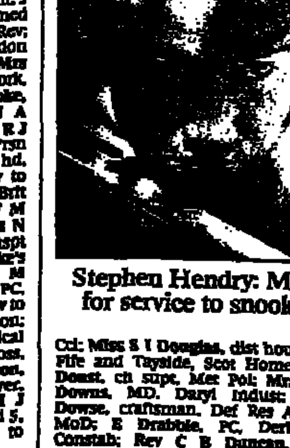
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Mrs A M Yates, lity dir, S African Advanced Educ Project; Mrs C Yates, polit serv.

Order of the Bath

CB

Brook, Air Vice-Marshal John Michael.
Clark, Vice-Marshal Paul Derek.
Ferguson, Air Vice-Marshal Gordon MacArthur.
Rae, Air Vice-Marshal William McCulloch.

Order of the British Empire

CBE

Gp Capt K D Filbey; A Cdre R A Gill; Gp Capt W S Brereton Martin.

OBE

W Cdr P B Atkins, (rtd); W Cdr M W P Chapple; W Cdr M Eveleigh, RAF Regt; W Cdr R K Gault; W Cdr D A Ingham; W Cdr J R Lees; W Cdr M J O'Connor; W Cdr G D Sinker, RAF Vol Res (trg) (rtd); W Cdr R D Stone; W Cdr M J Stubbs, RAF Vol Res (trg) (rtd); W Cdr C Thirlwall.

MBE

Sqn Ldr R C Adams; Sqn Ldr P J M Angus; the Rev (Sqn Ldr) L E D Clark; Flt Sgt M B Clarke; Sgt P Cleary, (rtd); Flt Lt G Craig, RAF Vol Res (trg); Sgt R J Croft; Ch Tech S P Dakin; Flt Sgt M C Daley; Sgt L Dengate; Sqn Ldr C W Dixon; Sgt P J Duddridge; Flt Sgt J C Edwards; Flt Sgt A H L Fisher; Sqn Ldr A M George; Sgt R J Gibson; Sqn Ldr C F Haigh; Sgt C B Halliday; Sgt A Herbert; Sqn Ldr G M Hewett; WO E J Higginson; Flt Sgt D A Howie; Rev (Sqn Ldr) J W G Hughes; Sqn Ldr P W Izzard; WO P A Jarrett; Sqn Ldr P J Leckenby; Mstr Aircrew P D Lilly; Ch Tech I E Lobb (rtd); Flt Sgt B Magee; Sqn Ldr T McReanney; Sqn Ldr E Morley; Flt Sgt I S Morris, RAF Regt; Flt Sgt M J Mowbray; Sqn Ldr G H Mulligan; WO B Paleschi; Flt Sgt J P Patrick, WRAF; Ch Tech R E Piner; WO P W Porter; Sgt R G Roberts; Sqn Ldr D J Seaton; WO R D Sefton; Flt Sgt K M Shaw; Flt Sgt J F Shery; WO C Smith; Ch Tech J Taylor; Sqn Ldr J Thomas (rtd); Flt Sgt G A Tucker; Flt Sgt A J Waddell; Sqn Ldr G E Ward; Ch Tech C M Whibley (rtd); Sgt M Wild; Ch Tech J Williams (rtd); Sqn Ldr J A K Williams, RAF Vol Res (trg).

Royal Red Cross

Gp Capt V M Hand, Princess Mary's RAF nursg serv.

Air Force Cross

Lt Cdr I R M Bradshaw, R Navy; Maj G J Sheeley, ACP; Sqn Ldr G J Hand; Wing Cdr R D Iveson.

Air Force Medal

Flt Sgt R D Pritchard.

Order of the Bath

KCB

Wheeler, Lieutenant-General Roger Neil, late The Royal Irish Rangers.

CB

Maj Gen J A J P Barr, late RE; Maj Gen G W Field, late RE; Maj Gen D P Thomson, late A and SH.

Order of the British Empire

CBE

Brig M A Browne, late RE; Col R L Giles, late Glosters; Col W B Ibbetson, late Green Howards; Brig (now Maj Gen) A D Pigott, late RE; Col J A Thorp, late RE; Brig T I M Waugh, late R Signals.

OBE

Lt-Col M G C Amiot, Kings; Lt-Col P J Cable, Glosters; Lt-Col (now Col) M A Charlton-Weedy, late RA; Lt-Col S A Coltman, R Signals; Lt-Col A P Deed, R Anglian; Lt-Col D H Flower, RE; Lt-Col J P Heskinson, RE.

Lt-Col N A King, LI; Lt-Col D W Lewis, RE, TA; Lt-Col J K Marsham, LI; Lt-Col S J L Roberts, IG; Lt-Col D J R Small, RRF, TA; Lt-Col A W Snook, Para; Maj (local Lt-Col) B T Tyler, REME; Lt Col D J Wilson, ACP; Lt-Col A Young, R Logistic Corps (formerly RAOC).

MBE

Maj I W Abbott, R Logistic Corps; Staff Sgt M R A Allison, RE, TA; Staff Sgt T M Appleby, R Logistic Corps, TA; Staff Sgt M S Ayres, RE, TA; Staff Sgt B Bailey, REME, TA; Sgt M A Bedford, RAVC.

Capt M G Bernier, Princess of Wales's R Regiment; Staff Sgt S S Blake, Int Corps; WO Cl 2 H W Branigan, APTC; Lt J T Bruckshaw, Army Cadet Force, TA.

Capt L J D Callow, R Irish; Maj N E A G Cameron, SG; Lt Col R M Cannons, R Logistic Corps; Maj M J Clutson, REME; WO Cl 2 B J J Cooney, R Logistic Corps, TA; Staff Sgt R M Coverdale, (RMP), TA; Cpl M G S Cullen, R Logistic Corps.

Sgt (now Staff Sgt) L R Dale, Int Corps; Cpl (Acting Staff Sgt) E L Davies, SPS; Capt J H Davies, RA, TA; Cpl S Delaney, RMP; Maj G C W Dodds, RE.

Cpl S G Feely, R Signals; Capt J A Field, R Logistic Corps; Staff Sgt K A Fisher, R Signals; WO Cl 2 A J Fox, APTC; Sgt A W Frame, RE; Maj M W Gibson, Glosters; Staff Sgt (local WO Cl 2) M F Godbold, RGJ.

Maj B M Gorski, RRF; Staff Sgt J Grant, R Logistic Corps; Sgt C Greenwood, R Logistic Corps, TA; Sgt (Acting Staff Sgt) T J Guy, REME; Staff Sgt G Hall, SPS; Staff Sgt B L Hamilton, RMP.

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Bdr P Hemming, RA; Maj N D Hildyard, Int Corps; Sgt J Holgan, R Signals; Capt R G Hood, 17/21 L; Staff Sgt (acting WO Cl 2) K Houghton, RE; Staff Sgt G K Howlett, APTC; Staff Sgt D L Human, RAMC.

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Maj M D Keightley, Int Corps; WO Cl 2 P Leonard, RTR; WO Cl 2 D F Long, R Logistic Corps; Capt M A Lowry, R Irish Regt.

Maj R C A Macgregor, RE, TA; Maj A D Mackay, KOSB; Sgt D A Martin, SPS; Maj D J R Martin, R Logistic Corps; Maj G McKen, 51 Highland, TA.

Sgt D Middleton, R Logistic Corps, TA; Maj R W J Oldham, R Logistic Corps.

Cpl (Local Staff Sgt) T J R Patterson, REME; Capt J Prestwood, RE, TA; Staff Sgt S T Price, REME.

Maj M D Ralph, RA; the Rev L S Rose, Chaplain to the Forces 3rd Class, RAChD; Capt P G Rutherford, R Logistic Corps.

Capt R Schofield, RE, TA; Staff Sgt C P Shead, R Signals; WO Cl 1 R A Smith, QO Hldrs; Staff Sgt W P Theobald, R Logistic Corps, TA; Maj G F Tomlin, R Anglian.

Staff Sgt A Vickers, Para, TA; Maj J P G V'rathen, R Dragoon Guards; Capt J F F Weir, R Irish Regiment, TA; Maj J F Wheeley, RE.

WO Cl 2 R E Williams, SPS; Staff Sergeant P A Wilson, R Signals; Staff Sergeant R C M Wood, RE; Staff Sergeant P Q Woodward, Princess of Wales's R Regiment; WO Cl 1 C R Wren, REME.

Royal Red Cross

Lt-Co[illegible] Lowes, QARANC.
ARRC: WO Cl 2 M R Shannon, QARANC; Capt D Shaw, QARANC.

Overseas Award

Order of the British Empire

MBE: Maj Simon Cheng Chan-wing, R Hong Kong Regiment (Volunteers).

Queen's Police Medal

R Adams, dep ch const, W Mids; C F Bailey, dep ch const, Notts; E W Barry, supt, W Mercia; O A Bates, sgt, Hants; G A Bennet, dep ch const, Fife; J T Cowman, ch insp, W Yorks; C P Coxall, asst commr, City of Lond; Mrs S M Davies, asst commdt, Bramshill coll; L J Evans, det sgt, Surrey; J Farley, supt, Met 1 area; J D M Fleming, det ch supt, Strathclyde; G M George, asst ch const, Greater Manchester; G E Hedges, asst c const, Thames Valley; J C Holman, ch supt, Devon and Cornwall; T Laidlaw, cdr, Met 8 area; Miss V G Neild, insp, W Midlands; R R Neville, dir, Home Office crime prevention centre; D O'Brien, ch const, Brit Trnsport Pol; R A Pearose, cdr, specist operations, Met; A J Poinier, dep ch const, Dorset; S H G Power, insp, RUC; V G Shaw, supt, RUC.

Overseas: C J W Bagley, ch supt, HK; A W J Gunn, ch supt, HK; J B Rutherford, commr of police, Brit Virgin Iss.

Queen's Fire Service Medal

J A Clark, sen div offr, Durham; J M Craig, ch offr, Wiltshire; G F Goldsack, ch offr, Northants; A V Jones, ch offr, Gwynedd; K W Riggs, dep ch offr, Cornwall; P D Scott, firemaster, Lothian and Borders.

Overseas: James Ho Kwok-chuen, chief fire officer, Hong Kong fire serv dept.

Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air

Lt Cdr N A King, RN; Lt Cdr G B M Milton, RN; Lt Cdr R M Mowbray, RN; Sqn Ldr D Best, RAF; Flt Lt J E Brown, RAF; Sqn Ldr B A C Chapple, RAF; Sqn Ldr S B Cox, RAF; Sqn Ldr A Golledge, RAF; Sqn Ldr A M S Liggat, RAF; Flt Lt M T Manwaring, RAF; Flt Lt A Neill, RAF; Flt Lt A J Peters, RAF; Flt Lt G J Sheppard, RAF; Flt Lt (now Sqn Ldr) S R Thomas, RAF; Flt Lt A J Trout, RAF; Sqn Ldr D A Wyatt, RAF.

Colonial Police and Fire Service Medal

Capt B C Martin, ops dir and ch pilot, Avistar Airlns; R Legg, freelance flying instr.

Overseas

C M Anwar, stn sgt, HK pol; L Burton, sen supt, HK pol; Chan Lung, prin firemn, HK fire serv; Cheung Tam-ching, stn sgt, HK pol; M B Dowie, sen supt, HK pol; Fung Kam-wong, supt, HK pol; Fung Tak-shing, sen PC, HK pol; Eric Leung Chi-bun, sen supt, HK pol; Leung Tung-choi, stn sgt, HK pol; Lo Ping-lam, prin firemn, HK fire servs; Lun Ping-chenm, asst div offr, HK fire servs; E A G Perkins, supt, HK pol; C J Reardon, supt, HK pol; S H Robins, sen supt, HK pol; Tang Chin-wing, supt, HK pol; Tse Yu-hing, div offr, HK fire servs; Yam Chi-nam, stn sgt, HK pol; R H Younge, sen supt, HK pol.

ORDER OF THE BATH

GCB

Kerr, Admiral Sir John (Beverley), KCB ADC.

CB

Rr-Adml D K Bawtree; Rr-Adml G N Davis; Rr-Adml J A L Myres.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

CBE

Capt J R L Ingham; Commdre R F James.

OBE

Cdr J E Dykes; Cdr J Fenwick; Cdr L R Hayward; Rev E W Jones; Cdr R D Leaman; Maj J J B Lear, RM; Cdr J Molloy; Cdr C O'Keeffe; Cdr A T J Padwick; Cdr A Rose; Capt J P Thompson, R Fleet aux serv.

MBE: CPO Writer P W Allen; Lt Cdr G T Barrett; CPO S P Beech; Lt Cdr D C Bloye.

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Hilton, Colonel Peter.
Landale, David William Neil.
Luttrell, Colonel Geoffrey Walter Fownes.
McGrath, Brian Henry.

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Frank Reginald Francis; John Haslam; Graham Norbert Kennedy; George David Inge-Innes-Lillingston.

LVO

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P J Carroll; Mrs P P Stanley; R J Thomas.

RVM (silver)

J H Y Chevrier; A B Cummings; PO Marine Engrg Mech (Mech) M L Currell; T J Gardiner; C J Godfrey; Miss J M T Guerin; Sgt P J Hersey, RAF; D L Lazenby; Miss B Leek; S J Matthews; Sgt K E Millar, RAF; K J Richardson; P K Whybrew.

Order of St Michael and St George

CMG

Mrs K M Vautier, services to economics and business management.

Order of the British Empire

DBE

Guthardt, the Reverend Dr Phyllis Myra, for services to the Methodist Church and women.
Henderson, Mrs Louise Etiennette Sidonie, for services to art.
Lamb, Mrs Dawn Ruth, for services to education.
Wallace, Mrs (Georgina Catriona Pamela) Augusta, lately a district court judge.

CBE: Miss S E A Devoy, services to squash and the community; Mrs T E Friel, services to the commty; Dr O F Haylock, JP, services to the timber industry and commty; Dr H H R Hughes, parly commr for env; the Rev E G Lewis, serv to Anglcn Ch; Mrs S J Martin, serv to commty; N R Moller, serv to busnss mgemt and commty; Dr A P Poole, serv to med and commty.

OBE: D F Adam, services to arts and the community; Mrs T A T Davis, JP, serv to weaving and commty; Prof M D Earle, serv to food technol; B T Finn, serv to music; N M Finn, serv to music; Dr D M A Gronwall, serv to neuropsychology; A R Groom, serv to tourism and commty.

D I Howell, serv to busnss mgemt; A J D Laing, serv to sport, particularly swimming; Mrs R P O'L Mea, serv to busnss mgemt; B J Paterson, serv to cricket; B R Perry, serv to busnss mgemt and commty; Mrs S J Ross, serv to commty; Mrs J A Walsh, JP, serv to educ and commty.

MBE: Miss E F Airey, services to music; C A Amon, serv to motor sport; Mrs D J Bell, serv to Girls' Brigade and commty; R V Browne, JP, serv to accntg profn; M H Cameron, JP, serv to loc govt; F M Gerbic, publ serv; Maj M E Hay, serv to Salvtn Army.

Mrs M E F Johnson, serv to loc body and commty; Dr R P Kibblewhite, serv to science; Mrs B L Kingdon, JP, serv to welfare work; Mrs R M Laing, serv to film indust; Mrs B R Mabbett, serv to educ.

Mrs E L Marris, serv to busnss and econ affrs; Miss J A McMahon, serv to welf work; N J McMillan, serv to loc body and commty; R H Roberts, JP, serv to yachting; Mrs P D Robinson, serv to commty.

Mrs A P Roe, services to athletics; M R Short, JP, serv to loc govt; Mrs O M E Smith, serv to dancing; M M Sweetman, serv to commty; (Robert) B Tait, serv to equest sport; G D Taylor, serv to fruit-growing; M G Wall, serv to loc commty.

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QSO (public services): S J Begley, JP; Mrs E A Biddles; D L Lean, JP; Mrs M A B Mulgan; H E L Pickering, JP; Mrs A B Quentin-Baxter; Mrs G M T Heshes; Col T F L Ward, JP, NZ army (rtd); Miss B F Watson; M L Wellington; Mrs M N Woodcock, JP.

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QSM (public services): J H Black, JP; G E Bransgrove; Mrs G (Gendy) Bailer; J M T Cribb, JP; P B L Cabitt; Dr S J Dowling; F G Fairfield; Mrs P M Gilbert; Mrs E M Hay; F G Howe, JP; J (John) S Jarka, JP; B T Johnson; Mrs N B Lewis, JP.

Queen's Service Medal for Public Services

Mrs E A Lupton; Mrs D F McAven; G Mason; I L Morton; Mrs S D Oakley; Mrs L T Paku; Miss C M Ridling; Mrs M J Ring; Miss P H G Ryan, JP; R R Shaw; C E D Siggiekow; Mrs J Smart; Miss M T Teroora, JP; G Thew; J D Ussher; Dr G L Walton; Dr J E Walton; S H Wood; Mrs M T Woods, JP; Mrs B T Yates.

Queen's Fire Service Medal

R G Sampson, Fire Force Cdr, No 2 Region (Hamilton), NZ Fire Serv; W J Lester, Ch Fire offr, Palmerston Vol Fire Brigade, NZ Fire Serv; R N Brokenshire, Sen Fire Fighter, Temuka Vol Fire Brigade, NZ Fire Serv.

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Looters step over corpses to strip the 'Convoy of Joy'

FROM BILL FROST IN VITEZ

■ **Vulnerable British troops are bracing themselves for a backlash from Croats furious that their fighters were killed**

WITHOUT a flicker of emotion the Croat soldier in fatigue trousers and a yellow T-shirt cocked his automatic rifle and fired point-blank at the Muslim truck driver.

The vehicle slewed out of control and struck a telegraph pole. The driver was obviously dead but for good measure the gunman pumped a few more rounds through the cab. Within minutes women emerged from their houses on the road into Vitez and began examining the contents of the lorry.

They had just begun to select the best of the plunder when they saw the cameras. They screamed, they threw punches and spat at journalists while blood dripped near their feet from the driver's body in the cab. Then the sniping began in earnest. A fusillade of bullets whistled over our heads. The women scattered and the journalists took cover in a ditch.

The gunfire died away as a British Warrior armoured vehicle approached, its turret swivelling from one side of the road to the other. The snipers opened up once more, apparently aiming for the journalists who had minutes earlier witnessed cold-blooded murder and looting. Some of the women returned to stripping the truck of its contents even though bullets were whining overhead.

As we moved off at speed a Muslim man with a look of stark terror ran from the scene having been dragged from the truck he was driving. He said a soldier with a gun had been set to kill him but the weapon jammed.

All along the dusty route into Vitez gunmen had been waiting in the pretty little cottages to intercept the convoy. They waited for the Warriors to pass and then leapt into the road flagging down lorries.

Their women and children waited expectantly in front gardens. The "Convoy of Joy" was known to be carrying cigarettes and alcohol in addition to much-needed food supplies for the beleaguered Muslim enclave of Tuzla. The attackers knew there would be rich pickings.

The convoy had begun to roll at 7.30am yesterday having spent the night outside Novi Travnik under the protection of British armoured vehicles and the malevolent eye of Croat soldiers. Just before the lorries pulled away there were sustained bursts of automatic gunfire over our heads.

Some dived for cover behind a Warrior but still presented an easy target for the snipers. An elderly woman sobbed while her husband tried in vain to comfort her.

Before the crack and rattle of the gunfire, Nunic Kadro, one of the convoy drivers, was explaining how he had come by such appalling fresh facial bruises. There was blood trickling from his left ear and his lips were grotesquely swollen.

"A Croat soldier first made me do dozens of press-ups," said Mr Kadro, 52. "Then he and his friends beat my face with their pistols.

"I told them my children in Tuzla were starving, that's why I was bringing food to them. They beat me some more and I passed out. Now they've taken my car, everything is gone."

Further along the line of vehicles a man's body lay half-covered by a frayed blanket. Sergeant David Laut, a member of one of the Warrior crews, said: "He was shot in the leg at close range. The bullet hit a main artery and he bled to death in minutes — there was nothing we could do."

Sgt Laut was concerned for the safety of 30 drivers taken from the convoy by armed men after an earlier attack during the small hours. "They are holding them in some cottages outside Novi Travnik. We cannot reach the prisoners because the bridge is being mortared."

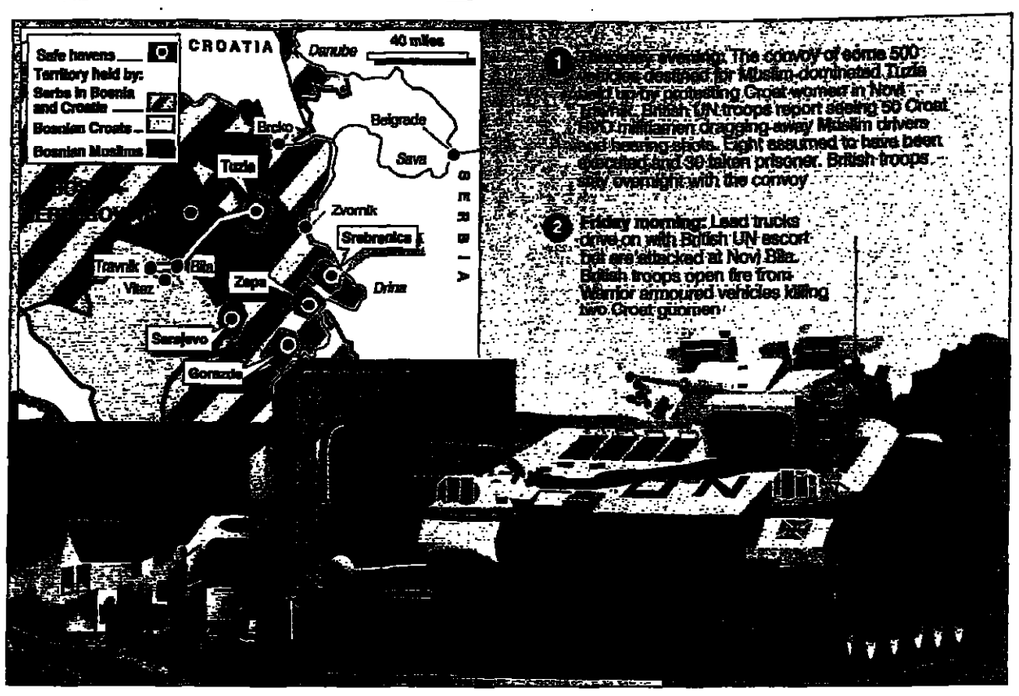
Looters converged on hijacked vehicles throughout the day taking everything of value. Armed men kept journalist from coming too close but melted into the trees when British Warriors approached. By early afternoon scavenged aid was being handed out to Croats all over Vitez. Along the dusty road women pushed wheelbarrows laden with mineral water bottles and tinned goods. Children stared at the body of the driver murdered that morning. But they had seen corpses before and seemed more interested in the controls of the lorry he had been driving. A soldier half-heartedly went to drive the children off. They ran away but were back again before too long.

UN sources had been warning for days that the arrival of the Convoy of Joy in the area would trigger fresh barbarity. However, even they have been surprised by the ferocity of the gunmen and the looters.

British troops in Vitez were last night bracing themselves for the inevitable backlash from Bosnian Croats furious that two of their fighters have been killed when two Warrior armoured vehicles were ambushed on the road to Vitez at Novi Bila as they accompanied the convoy. After twice firing warning bursts, one of the armoured vehicles opened up on the Croat snipers with its machinegun, killing two of them.

Croat snipers were firing on the road skirting the base and knots of civilians glowered at passing armoured vehicles. One British officer said: "Maybe this has taught them a lesson not to mess around with us. But I rather think the desire for revenge is greater than anything else in this area."

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Attack highlights inadequacy of guidelines

Mandate endangers UN force

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE shooting dead of two Croat soldiers by British troops near Vitez in Bosnia yesterday has underscored the need for an urgent review of the United Nations mandate.

The anarchy that has overtaken central Bosnia, caused by bitter hatred between Croats and Muslims, has put the lives of British soldiers at greater risk than at any time since they arrived seven months ago. The UN mandate is so restrictive that troops, sent to Bosnia to escort humanitarian aid, are not supposed to intervene even if they witness an atrocity. Nor are they permitted to provide shelter or protection to refugees who seek help.

British troops and their humanitarian aid allies from France, Spain and Canada, have shown a level of restraint that is remarkable. In Mostar last month, elements of the Spanish battalion were attacked by both Croats and Muslims as they took up a position between the two sides. The British troops have come under small-arms and mortar fire almost daily as they patrol the Vitez sector.

Now, however, the threat to the British troops, trapped between the Muslims and Croats, has worsened so dramatically that the restrictive mandate no longer seems realistic. The standing of the UN is at its lowest and UN troops no longer command the respect they enjoyed when they arrived last November. Indeed, they are often blamed for causing trouble between the Croats and Muslims.

Croats and Muslims in central Bosnia openly despise the UN protection force. The Croats claim Unprofor sides with the Muslims. The Muslims accuse the UN troops of failing to protect them.

Hoodlums from both the Croat and Muslim sides are out of control. One senior Croat military leader recently told the British that there was nothing he could do to stop the shooting that goes on nightly within a few yards of the camp at Vitez. He even suggested that the British should shoot the men responsible.

Since the handover by The Cheshires to the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, the Croats and Muslims have been testing the new arrivals. With two Croat soldiers killed by a burst of fire from a Warrior's 7.62mm chain gun, the British have thrown down the gauntlet.

It was only because the Warriors had come under fire that the shooting could be justified. To prevent anarchy from overwhelming central Bosnia, both the Muslims and Croats should be warned in a revised mandate that provocation against UN forces will be met with a tougher response.



Tudjman: expected to join presidential talks

Geneva search for peace resumes

BY TIM JUDAH

WITH the situation critical on the ground, Bosnian peace talks are set to resume in Geneva today when senior Bosnian Croat and Muslim officials begin a series of meetings at the United Nations. Lord Owen said yesterday that he hoped the presidents of Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia would join their officials next week.

Lord Owen said plans for presidential-level talks were still "fragile", but if they do take place they will signal a resumption of the stalled peace process. He said: "You can pretty well assume that most of the principal players will be in Geneva next week." Today's discussions will focus on halting Muslim-Croat fighting in central Bosnia, but Lord Owen hopes to widen these if President Milosevic of Serbia arrives.

Diplomatic sources in Geneva say that Lord Owen is keen to get Mr Milosevic and President Tudjman of Croatia involved because he believes that no Bosnian settlement is possible without a wider settlement for the rest of former Yugoslavia.

Lord Owen talked with Mr Milosevic in Belgrade yesterday, but sources said that he had made little headway. Specifically, the European Community's envoy failed to persuade Mr Milosevic to agree to the stationing of UN monitors on the Serbian frontier with Serb-controlled areas of Bosnia.

The Bosnian Serb army said yesterday that it would return weapons to hundreds of Croats who surrendered to them so they can continue fighting Muslims in central Bosnia. Up to 9,000 Croats have been held in Manjaca prison camp since they fled clashes with Muslims around Travnik over the weekend.

This would be the first time the Serbs had rearmed and released Croat prisoners to fight the Muslims.

In Belgrade, the condition of the imprisoned opposition leader Vuk Draskovic was described by his lawyer as "dramatic". Mr Draskovic and his wife, Danica, were beaten severely by Serbian police when they were arrested earlier this month. Rajko Danilovic said that his client had collapsed during a meeting and had to be taken to the prison hospital for a brain

MPs press case for a pullout of British troops from Bosnia

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

A CHANGE of political mood swept the Commons yesterday as MPs reacted to news of the Bosnian shootings by demanding that British troops pull out. For the first time in Commons exchanges on Britain's troop involvement in Bosnia and calls for withdrawal outweighed pressure for stepping up troop cover.

The two incidents had humiliated British troops and left them open to the threat of escalating violence. Several MPs labelled the robbing of troops "a humiliation".

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader who has pressed persistently for more British troops to be sent to the former Yugoslavia, conceded that the situation had altered significantly. "We may have to consider not just what more we can do, but the reality of the need to withdraw. This situation is now descending fast into one of the utmost gravity, and we are now faced with a situation which is simply beyond control."

Mr Ashdown insisted that stealing of arms near Kiseljak "was a humiliation waiting to happen". The absence of clear objectives or rules of engagement meant UN troops were treated increasingly with "contempt" by all Bosnian forces.

"It is our soldiers on the ground who, through humiliation or worse, are very soon going to have to pay a much more dangerous price because of the failure of will, of politics, of clarity, and of action on the part of this government and others."

Jeremy Hanley, the armed forces minister who broke the news to MPs, said that the situation would be monitored "with every passing minute", and said troop withdrawal was "a contingency plan". However, Mr Hanley rebuked those who branded the Kiseljak incident as a humiliation.

The soldiers, through their professionalism "using their head rather than their guns, they have saved their lives", he said. "All of them saved their lives. They returned from what could have been a very difficult situation.

"Had any opened fire, it might very well have been that one of their colleagues would have been killed. That they returned, with their vehicles, showed their courage and commitment. I do not in any way regard that as a humiliation. These men are doing their duty and they live to fight another day."

Tory and Labour MPs also voiced fears about the safety of British troops in the light of this week's incident. David Howell, Tory chairman of the Commons foreign affairs select committee, spoke of "ever more blood-soaked violence", and urged that British troops must not be "left in an impossible position".

Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, who demanded an emergency statement, said British and UN troops in the area were in "one hell of a position" and asked: "What happens if warlords in the area try to seek revenge? It really is a position of a hiding to nothing."

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, admitted yesterday that things looks bad in Bosnia, and said the United Nations did not and could not prevent all the horrors happening. But he told BBC Radio 4 that British troops, along with others in the UN force, were keeping thousands of people alive who would otherwise have died of starvation.

"People are still killing each other and being killed ... but there have been 730 British convoys carrying 40,000 tonnes of supplies. That is quite a lot of people kept alive whom the experts said by now would be dead."

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Skinhead network blamed for fanning German racist fire

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

■ Fringe intellectuals, cross-border visits and secret seminars are reviving neo-Nazi ideas aimed at creating a greater Europe

A KIND of Skinhead International, a spider's web of contacts between European right-wing extremists, is helping to fuel the violence against Turks and other ethnic minorities in Germany.

That is the verdict of German security service experts who have been tracing over the past year a multitude of links between neo-Nazis in Germany and far right sympathisers, of varying degrees of respectability, from France, Belgium, Austria and Spain.

At a more refined level, unification has opened up opportunities for fringe intellectuals to take part in the redrafting of German history and to rehabilitate the Nazi era. The result is a flurry of cross-border visits, seminars and secret talks; the schedule of a man like Ewald Althaus, a self-confessed "racial purist" and fan of Hitler, resembles that of a particularly active ambassador at large.

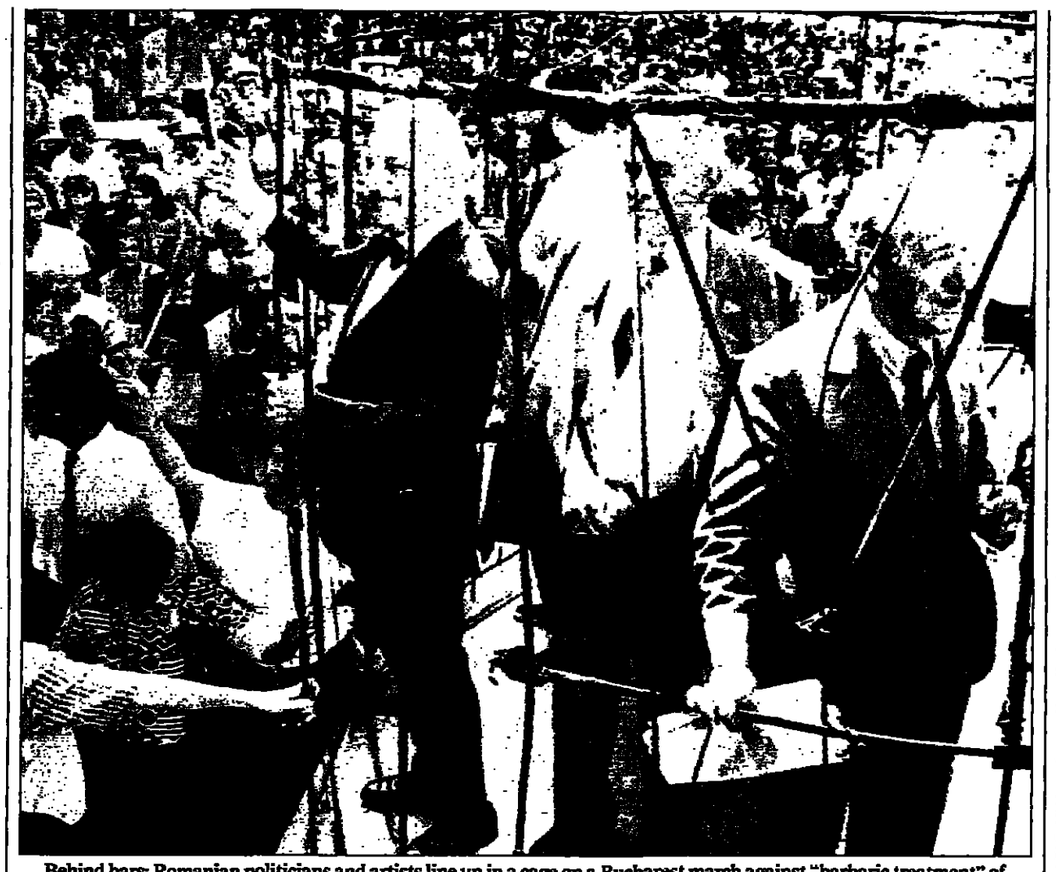
The well-travelled German neo-Nazi is at home in Antwerp — where the right-wing Flemish Vlaams Blok won 20 per cent of the vote in 1991 — and he can usually find a bed at a special boarding house there. The German visitors can look up Albert Eriksson, of the Flemish Militant Order, and stock up with Wehrmacht videos.

In Barcelona, they can order truckloads of *Mein Kampf*, forbidden in Germany, or propaganda films such as *The Eternal Jew*. Some of Germany's neo-Nazi bulletins are printed in Spain by the publishing house Nothung, named after the sword of Siegfried, the hero of the Nibelungs. More disturbing, and less tangible, are the links between the established far right parties of Jean-Marie Le Pen in France and Joerg Haider, leader of Austria's Freedom party.

Claude Cornilleau, chief of the PNFE, a French neo-Nazi grouping, is another frequent visitor to Germany. "Today we have an internationale of nationalists," M Cornilleau told a German reporter. "That is what separates us from Hitler, who only thought about a greater Germany."

The British skinhead band Screwdriver has played to skinhead audiences in eastern Germany, but nobody believes that the British are involved with the revival of neo-Nazi ideas in Germany.

Last night, Germany banned the far-right National Bloc, the fifth neo-Nazi party to be outlawed, as arsonists struck at a foreigners' hostel overnight and Turk-run shops closed in protest against racist attacks.



Behind bars: Romanian politicians and artists line up in a cage on a Bucharest march against "barbaric treatment" of six Moldavian Popular Front members charged with murder in the breakaway Russian-speaking Transdnestr

Children of French sect taken into care

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN AIX-EN-PROVENCE

TWELVE members of the sect known as the Children of God were charged yesterday with inciting minors to debauchery, and about 40 children were placed in state custody.

The eight women and four men charged were freed on bail. They were among more than 50 members of the sect detained on Wednesday with 138 children in eight French towns.

The action followed an investigation opened in February 1991 into reports of child abuse, including allegations of rape. Court officials said there were no grounds for the more serious charges but that documents pertaining to the sect's sexual practices provided grounds for the indictment.

The Children of God sect was officially dissolved in France in 1978 but was reborn under the name Families Without Borders. The 12 charged include French, Danish, Dutch, Spanish, British, Belgians, Canadians and Americans.

Go-ahead for poll in Nigeria

Abuja: Nigeria's presidential election will go ahead as planned today despite a court ruling ordering a postponement, the National Electoral Commission said yesterday.

An announcement by Humphrey Nwosu, the panel's chairman, appeared to put Nigeria's programme for the return of civilian rule back on track and ended a day of high uncertainty. *(Reuter)*

Threat to Dane

Copenhagen: Parliament voted to impeach Erik Ninn-Hansen, a former justice minister, in the "Tamilgate" refugee scandal which brought down Poul Schluter's government at the start of the year. *(Reuter)*

Yeltsin choice

Moscow: President Yeltsin appointed Marshal Yevgeni Shaposhnikov, commonwealth military chief, to the top post of head of the Russian Security Council. He replaces Yuri Skokov, who was sacked in May. *(Reuter)*

Officers fired

Buenos Aires: Admiral José Ferrer and Air Force Brigadier José Julia, the heads of Argentina's navy and air force, have been dismissed. Both men have criticised President Menem. *(AP)*

Police seized

Colombo: Douglas Perera, an assistant superintendent of police, a police sergeant and two servants in the presidential mansion have been arrested over the assassination of President Premadasa. *(AP)*

Dissident prepares to govern in Baku

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN BAKU

HEIDAR Aliev, Azerbaijan's former communist leader, moved yesterday towards resuming full power in the republic. The position of his Popular Front opponents appeared to be crumbling fast after the military revolt which seized the republic's second city on Monday.

Sitting in the palatial building of the Academy of Sciences in Baku, Mr Aliev received Western ambassadors, oil company representatives and leading politicians as if he were president already. His brief appearances before the television cameras were carefully arranged to reinforce this impression.

President Elchibey has already offered Mr Aliev the prime ministership, but according to Western diplomats Mr Aliev is insisting on a new government and control over the appointments. He is following the line of Suret Husseinov, the rebel commander, in accusing the government of criminal responsibility for the bloodshed in Gyandzha.

Mr Aliev continues to insist that he is not seeking the removal of President Elchibey, who was elected democratically last year. In practice, however, Mr Elchibey seems likely to become a figurehead. In the pungent words of a Turkish observer, "it is only a question of whether Aliev leaves him with one ball or castrates him completely".

It is not yet clear if Mr Aliev will take the prime ministership, the chairmanship of parliament or the leadership of a new State Council.

Archives prove Stalin wanted Tito killed

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

JOSEF Stalin tried to have Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia assassinated to punish him for breaking with Moscow in 1948, according to the latest revelation from the archives of the Soviet security services.

General Dimitri Volkogonov, the historian son of an officer shot on Stalin's orders in 1937 and President Yeltsin's adviser on military and historical affairs, has unearthed details of plans by the ailing dictator to kill off his former ally as punishment for Tito's departure from Stalinist ideology in search of a "third way" between capitalism and communism.



Stalin: approved sending "hit" man

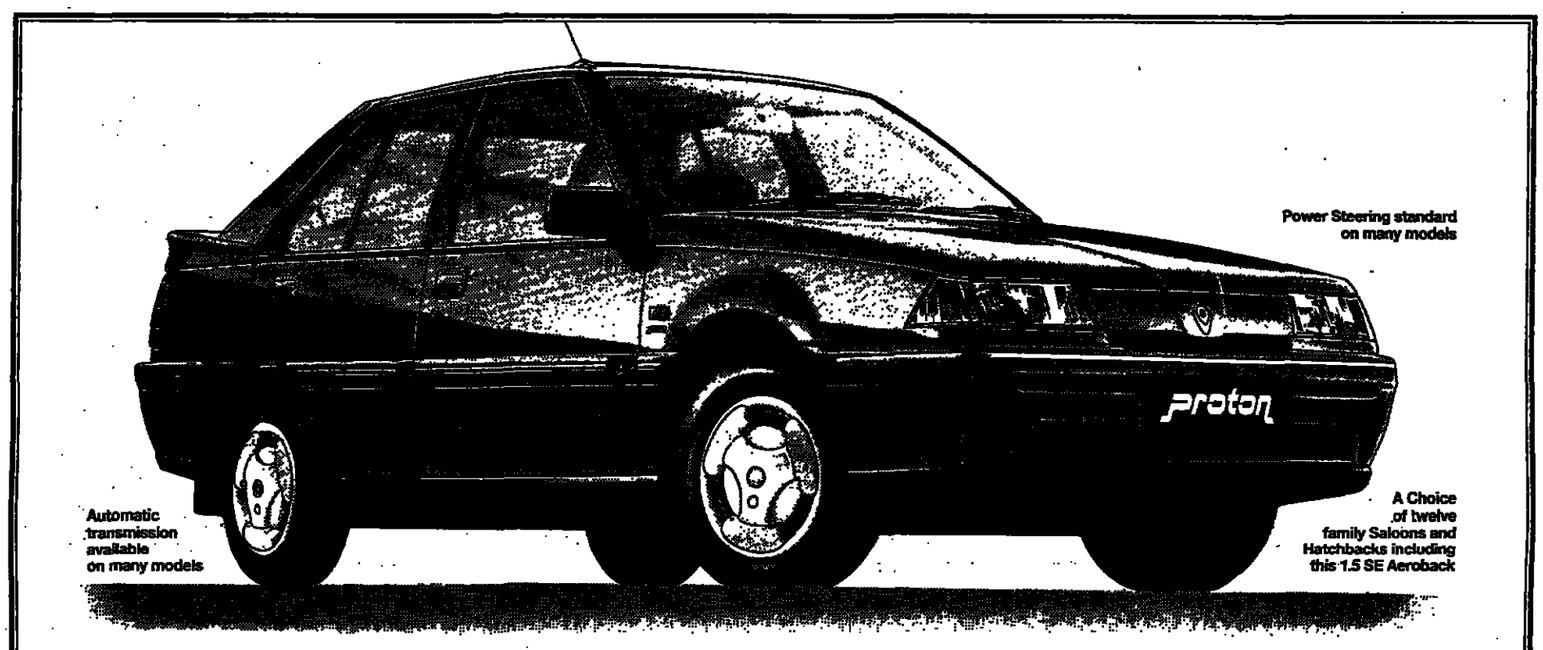
According to General Volkogonov's findings, published in yesterday's *Izvestia*, ment of a hit man called Max, a secret agent often used on assignments in Western Europe and Latin America by the Kremlin, who unsuccessfully attempted to assassinate Trotsky in Mexico.

Towards the end of his life Stalin become increasingly frustated at his security chief Lavrenti Beria's failure to have the apostate, whom he often called "that treacherous scavenger", removed from office and felt that Tito's flamboyant leadership challenged his authority.

Informed of his master's displeasure, Beria in late 1952 commissioned the KGB to prepare a special file on possible ways to fulfil the order.

Max was dispatched to Italy to infiltrate Yugoslav diplomatic circles and was eventually promised a private audience with Tito.

He presented Moscow with a varied menu of murder methods while making it clear that he did not intend to carry them out himself. Tito was apparently oblivious of the danger from Moscow: he was more concerned with escaping the attentions of a Croatian emigré who tried to murder him several times before he died of natural



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Aircraft carrier alerted as Somalis await UN attack

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

■ Mogadishu's airport has been closed, aid workers have left. Fearing strikes on his arms depots, General Aidid says women and children will suffer in any fighting

THE American aircraft carrier *Wasp* and three other ships have been ordered to leave the Gulf and stand by in the Strait of Hormuz for possible movement to Somalia, the Pentagon said last night.

The United States has already sent four AC130 gunships to Somalia, where they could be used to retaliate for the killing of 23 Pakistani UN peacekeepers in Mogadishu last week in one of the bloodiest incidents in UN peacekeeping history. The defence department said yesterday that the *Wasp* and three navy landing ships were breaking away from a joint exercise with Kuwaiti forces and had been told to await further orders.

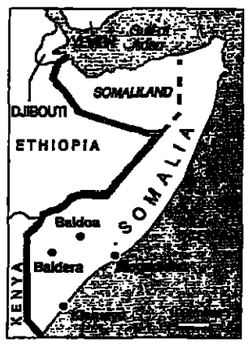
"They are being moved due to the increased tension in Mogadishu," Navy Commander Joe Gradisher, Pentagon spokesman, said. He said the *Wasp* and the amphibious ships — *Nashville*, *Barnstable* and *El Paso* — carried 2,200 Marines and 2,000 sailors.

Washington is also considering UN requests to send armoured personnel carriers to Somalia after an apparent ambush on Saturday, believed to have been carried out by forces of General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the Somali warlord, that killed the Pakistani peacekeepers.

Mogadishu airport was to be closed last night to all non-UN traffic, a UN military spokesman said. Major David Stockwell of the US Army said the closure of the airport was due to continuing civil disturbance in Mogadishu, where snipers have been shooting at UN troops every day since the ambush of the "blue berets".

Earlier, more foreign aid workers were evacuated. After a confidential briefing with UN officials, the British charities Oxfam and Save the Children declined an invitation to move into a freshly fortified UN military compound and left the city.

General Aidid said that women and children risked being massacred if the UN retaliates against him for the killing of the peacekeepers. United Nations forces are poised to strike General Aidid's arms depots and compounds in Somalia's shattered capital. UN sources said as speculation mounted that the attack would come today.



United Nations officials said there was little doubt that General Aidid was responsible for the deaths, but he claims the peacekeepers opened fire on unarmed civilians, provoking a backlash from gunmen.

General Aidid, 58, flanked by aides including another warlord, accused the UN of heightening tension in the jittery capital. He claimed that he had turned over his weapons to the foreign peacekeeping forces here, but UN officials said the general had arms both in designated depots authorised under UN ceasefire rules and elsewhere.

Hundreds of thousands of Somalis faced a sixth day without food. Many Somali families have sent women and children out of the city.

Public rallies and demonstrations in Pakistan marked a protest day called by a fundamentalist party against the killing of the Pakistanis. The call for a countrywide condemnation was given by the Jamaat-i-Islami, whose leaders demanded the pullout of Pakistani soldiers from the African country.

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Outlook bright: Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the writer, trying to shade his face from the sun yesterday as he watched his son, Yermolay, graduate from Harvard

Paradise homes that are hell to sell

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

Film stars hoping to escape the rat-race of Hollywood for the quiet of a ranch in Montana, an island off Maine or a small town in Georgia, are taking a hammering when they try to sell their multi-million-dollar homes in Beverly Hills, Malibu and Bel-Air.

House prices on Los Angeles' expensive west side have tumbled by up to 40 per cent in the past three years with Hollywood's hard times. Celebrities such as Michael Fox, Cher and Pia Zadora have lost, or could lose, more than a million dollars on their investments.

The citizens of Hollywood are longing for a return of the heady days of the 1980s, when stars' fees followed box-office takings into the stratosphere. Only three years ago, David Geffen, the record producer, paid $47.5 million (£31 million) for the Beverly Hills estate of Jack Warner, the late movie mogul. Now it is a struggle to sell homes at a fraction of that price. Rod Stewart parted with his Bel-Air home last August for slightly more than $6 million (£4 million), less than half its asking price of $14.5 million.

Cher, the actress, has slashed the asking price for her five-bedroom home on the ocean in Malibu, which she bought for $6.2 million just three years ago, to $4.95 million. The man who bought the house Cher moved from, Eddie Murphy, the comedian, has been trying to resell the moated three-acre home for two years. So far, he has dropped his price from $8 million to just $5.9 million. His estate agent says it is "just a second home".

More enmeshed in the real estate embroglio than most are Pia Zadora, the actress and singer, and Meshulam Riklis, her financier husband. Since 1989, they have been renovating Pickfair, the legendary Beverly Hills estate of Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford. It cost $7 million and they planned to spend another $2 million on an extension. Then builders discovered that the former hunting lodge had termites, and the main house had to be virtually demolished.

With prices heavily discounted, buyers are beginning to enter the market. Cecelia Waechle, a broker for Rodeo Realty who has tracked sales for the past five years, says 19 deluxe homes in west Los Angeles sold for more than $5 million last year — up from 14 the year before.

Dithering Clinton inclines to safer choice for judge

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER AND IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton was yesterday winding up the longest search for a Supreme Court justice in more than a quarter of a century, with speculation growing that Judge Stephen Breyer of Massachusetts would pip Bruce Babbitt, the interior secretary, at the post.

The 54-year-old judge was expected to join Mr Clinton for lunch at the White House yesterday. Some sources suggested that the first Supreme Court nomination by a Democratic president since 1967 was now Mr Breyer's to lose.

Mr Clinton desperately needs a trouble-free nomination after a string of recent setbacks. Mr Breyer appeared to offer a greater chance of that than Mr Babbitt.

In 1979 and 1980 he was chief counsel to the Senate judiciary committee which would have to confirm him. Members as politically diverse as Edward Kennedy and Orrin Hatch, the senior Republican, have already expressed support. He would be the first Jewish Supreme Court judge since Abe Fortas retired in 1969. He is fairly conservative economically, and helped deregulate the airline industry in the 1970s, but supports abortion rights. On social issues he would help moderate the finely balanced court after a string of Republican appointments.

Mr Babbitt had emerged last weekend as Mr Clinton's preferred choice, but as the president dithered opposition mounted. Environmentalists and Western congressmen demanded he be kept at the interior department. Republicans said he would be too political. Unproven allegations resurfaced about the "mob" paying off his gambling debts in the 1970s.

President Bush took three days to nominate David Souter for the Supreme Court in 1990, and four to nominate Clarence Thomas in 1991. By contrast Mr Clinton has taken nearly three months to decide on a replacement for Byron White. His first choice was Mario Cuomo, the New York governor who ruled himself out, but Mr Clinton would not dare nominate someone as liberal as Mr Cuomo today.

Mr Clinton formally nominated Walter Mondale, President Carter's vice-president, to be ambassador to Japan yesterday. What the president did not need, however, was the reappearance of Gennifer Flowers, who claimed she had a 12-year affair with Mr Clinton while he was governor of Arkansas. Ms Flowers presented herself in an interview with *The Washington Times* yesterday in the role of political commentator.

"Bill is in way over his head," she observed. "I don't think the presidency is a learning ground."

Ms Flowers, 42, who now lives in Dallas, has kept very quiet in recent months after rocking his presidential campaign during the primaries. She disclosed that she turned down $20,000 (£13,000) in offers for interviews and invitations to Washington during the inauguration to allow the Clintons to "have their day".

She claimed it had been very easy for Mr Clinton to manipulate Arkansas. "When he got in over his rear end, it was much easier to maintain power and control than when you're president. He operated under the 'bulletproof' theory; that was his mentality."

Britain banks on US to restart nuclear tests

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

BRITISH officials in Washington were on tenterhooks yesterday over reports that President Clinton is considering a plan to resume underground nuclear tests with nine blasts, three of them for Britain.

The British government is keen to resume testing, ostensibly to ascertain the safety and effectiveness of its existing nuclear warheads, although *The Washington Post* reported yesterday that Britain actually wants to test a redesigned warhead. White House officials emphasised that Mr Clinton has not decided to restart the testing programme, which was suspended last September and has been the subject of bitter disputes within his administration. The officials said he was still considering his options.

He is likely to find growing hostility to the idea on Capitol Hill. Increasingly, members of Congress are saying that an American and British resumption of tests could make France and Russia follow suit. It is also argued that new tests would set a poor example to Third World nations with nuclear ambitions, including Iran and Iraq. Another, North Korea, is currently under intense American pressure not to pull out of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

The fate of British testing is tied to Mr Clinton's decision because Britain uses the underground site at Yucca Flats in Nevada. But British pressure is unlikely to carry as much weight as domestic considerations.

Facing a deadline of July 1, Mr Clinton has received conflicting advice. His arms experts and the energy department, which would conduct tests, have recommended a no-first-test policy. The Pentagon and State Department support limited tests until 1996 and then a ban unless other nations conduct tests.

During the election last year, Mr Clinton campaigned in favour of a comprehensive test ban treaty and is being pressed to keep his promise. "The need for these tests is marginal at best and increasingly irrelevant in the post-Cold War world," said Spurgeon Keeny, a former American arms negotiator who heads the independent Arms Control Association.

He argued that a resumption of tests would be a big setback for the cause of nuclear non-proliferation. In addition to encouraging the would-be nuclear powers, they could also tip the balance in Ukraine against returning Soviet-era nuclear weapons to Russian soil for destruction.

Another significant factor in Mr Clinton's thinking will be the request from President Yeltsin at their Vancouver summit not to resume testing, according to diplomats.

The argument coincides with the thirtieth anniversary of the Limited Test Ban Treaty, set in motion by John Kennedy and Nikita Khrushchev, which put an end to tests polluting the atmosphere with radioactive material and limited them to underground. Now, some of Kennedy's advisers from 1963 are joining forces with nuclear opponents in Congress in urging Mr Clinton to "complete JFK's work" by converting the limited treaty into a global test ban.

☐ **Sales drive:** China has become Russia's most important arms customer, an American intelligence official said. Russia and Ukraine were making concerted efforts to find new customers for arms in the Middle East and Asia. William Grundmann, of the Defence Intelligence Agency, said.

Party cheers but few tears as Mulroney goes in style

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN OTTAWA

THE Canadian Conservative Party was last night preparing a televised farewell extravaganza in Ottawa for Brian Mulroney, the retiring prime minister, complete with toasts, tributes and popular Canadian performers singing "Oh Danny Boy" and "I will always love you".

The party's tribute was always going to be quintessentially Canadian: informal, generous and courteous to a fault, during which not one person would mention the real reason why such a performance was necessary — namely, that Mr Mulroney has become the most hated prime minister in the country's history. He resigned last February in the absolute certainty that he would not be able to win another election.

Tomorrow the 3,800 Progressive Conservative Party delegates who bade farewell to Mr Mulroney will vote on a successor after a hard-fought leadership battle between Kim Campbell, the outspoken defence minister, and Jean Charest, the environment minister. Hanging over the contest, in which the two leading candidates are running neck and neck, has been the realisation that the Conservatives' ten-year hold on power is under serious threat, and that Mr Mulroney is largely responsible.



Mulroney: most hated Canadian leader of all

When he became party leader ten years ago yesterday, Mr Mulroney was the Danny Boy of politics, adored for his grand vision, his friendliness and his oratory. In 1984 he told the Canadian House of Commons: "Give us 20 years and you will not recognise this country". At the time, most Conservatives saw the prospect as not only reasonable, but likely.

For a decade Mr Mulroney has been the largest figure in Canadian politics, winning two consecutive majorities and forging an unlikely cabinet coalition that included conservative Anglos and Quebec nationalists, committed to scaling back an over-reaching federal government.

The bitter issues of the North American Free Trade Agreement and Canada's continuing constitutional impasse have, however, combined with a gradual disenchantment at what is seen as Mr Mulroney's braggadocio and favouritism to undercut his popularity. For more than two years his ratings have remained low.

The question of free trade between Canada and the United States has left many of Mr Mulroney's countrymen convinced they have been sold short, and that Canadian autonomy is being sacrificed to the economic interests of America. However, it was the rejection last October of his constitutional reforms, aimed at keeping the French-speaking minority in Quebec within the national fold, that finally scuppered Mr Mulroney.

Barbara Amiel, page 18

Apathetic Iranian electors scoff at predictable result

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN TEHRAN

IRAN'S mullahs struggled against apathy and economic discontent to turn yesterday's presidential election into an affirmation that after 14 hard years the people have not yet lost their taste for the ascetic revolution that toppled the monarchy.

"The sixth presidential election is one of the most important," declared the hardline daily *Jomhuri Islami*. "The enemies of the Islamic revolution are hoping the people will show a faded presence, owing to high prices and problems." Loudspeaker vans implored the public to vote. Leading religious figures told them it was their Islamic duty and the memory of the late Ayatollah Khomeini was invoked to drive home the message.

"The world, especially the West, is watching the turnout to judge the popularity of the government," the ayatollah's only surviving son, Ahmad, told Iran television as he cast his vote for the incumbent, President Rafsanjani.

Such was the fear of a repeat of the 1981 attack on Ayatollah Khamenei, the nation's spiritual leader, that reporters watching him vote even had their lighters confiscated and ballpoint pens minutely inspected. Some roads in the capital were closed to prevent bomb attacks on symbolic targets by Mujahidin Khalq, the Iraqi-based rebel group. Soon after the polls opened, the group claimed that in a dawn attack its guerrillas damaged the oil refinery at Abadan.



Faced with hyper-inflation, soaring unemployment and a meagre average wage of £58 a month, many Iranians remained unenthusiastic at the prospect of the poll. "These bloody elections, I will not have anything to do with them, they are just for the Islamic types. We care more about getting something in our pockets," said Saeid Hashemnesh, 30, a taxi driver whose readiness to curse publicly the regime is now shared by many Tehran residents.

"We can hardly afford meat or chicken, so why do they expect us to go and vote for them? I would rather stay in bed. Of course, Mr Rafsanjani will win, as he did in 1989, but that does not mean everyone you see on the streets is behind him," Mr Hoshmanesh added.

Diplomatssaid one reason for the lack of election fever was the low calibre of the three candidates permitted to stand against the president, none of them representing the radical stream of Islam.

Polls predicted a landslide victory for President Rafsanjani, who looked confident as he cast his own vote. He laughed coldly at attempts by a reporter from Sky Television to ask what he planned to do about the continuing death threat against the British author, Salman Rushdie. "Are you a relative of Salman Rushdie that you are so interested?" he said.

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Japan in reach of North Korean missile

Worried Tokyo may buy Patriot defence

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

■ North Korea today quits the nuclear proliferation treaty. Its testing of a new missile is adding to regional fears

CONCERN was expressed yesterday in Tokyo over reports that North Korea had tested a new medium-range missile capable of striking most of the Japanese archipelago with chemical or even nuclear warheads.

Japanese government sources acknowledged that North Korea's long-rumoured Rodong-1 missile, with an estimated range of 600 miles, had been completed and tested about two weeks ago over the Sea of Japan, the 600-mile stretch of water that lies between Japan and the Korean peninsula.

The missile travelled only 300 miles over the sea, according to government sources, but it is believed to be capable of striking Osaka, Japan's third largest city of 2.6 million, from anywhere in the northern half of the Korean peninsula. Kiichi Miyazawa, the prime minister, said he had no plans as yet to protest to Pyongyang, as he had insufficient evidence of the test launch, but Shigeru Hatakeyama, his defence policy chief, told a parliamentary committee on Thursday that Japan has no system of defence against the alleged North Korean missiles. Tokyo is thinking of purchasing the Patriot anti-missile system, he said.

The Rodong-1, believed to be designed along similar lines to the Scud-C missiles produced by the Soviet Union, has been a source of growing concern for Japan for several years. Defence officials confirmed that a test of the missile took place in the summer of 1990 but they said it failed. They believe that Pyongyang has been considering sales of the missile to Iran in exchange for oil. Reports of the test launch come the day before North Korea's decision to withdraw from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty is due to take effect. North Korea's announcement in March that it would withdraw from the treaty has been interpreted by other signatories as an overt effort to avoid complying with the demands of the International Atomic Energy Agency for inspections of suspected nuclear sites.

North Korea became a signatory to the treaty in 1985 and has now delayed for eight years a full inspection by the international agency of all its nuclear facilities. A third round of talks in New York this week between North Korea and the United States, aimed at persuading Pyongyang to remain in the treaty, was inconclusive.

Chinese seek help to halt exodus

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY EAST ASIA EDITOR IN HONG KONG

WITH the flood of illegal Chinese immigrants into America reaching 80,000 a year, an official in the province from which most of them set sail has appealed for international help.

Yuan Qitong, deputy governor of Fujian, said his province's 2,300 miles of shoreline on China's southeast coast made it impossible for his overstretched security officials to catch those paying up to $15,000 (£10,000) for the long voyage in rusty ships to America.

Quoted in yesterday's *Ta Kong Pao* and *Wen Wei Pao*, two Hong Kong newspapers supported by Peking, Mr Yuan said that in the first months of this year Fujian had managed to detain only 836 "snakes" or illegal emigrants and arrested 214 "snakeheads". Mr Yuan noted that peaceful relations with Taiwan, which lies only 100 miles away across the Straits, means that the army has withdrawn to other regions and is no longer available to help him catch "snakes". Because there is now relatively untrestricted sea-traffic from Taiwan, Mr Yuan added, ships from the island are heavily involved in the emigrant smuggling: of the 23 vessels that were caught off the Fujian coast in the past year, 17 were Taiwanese. Mr Yuan pointed out that for a century Fujian has been a centre for Chinese venturing abroad by sea.

Although last week hundreds of illegals leapt off the freighter, *Golden Venture*, in New York harbour and some drowned in the surf, it is clear that the great majority are landing safely and can expect to remain in America. This is because of the executive order issued in April 1990 by President Bush, which allowed virtually any Chinese claiming political asylum after the 1989 Tiananmen killings to remain in the country. It is known in Fujian that claiming that one had arrived in America after Tiananmen and seeking political asylum is enough. In New York last night police said they may be closing on the elusive gang leader suspected of masterminding the journey of the *Golden Venture*, and freed four women passengers who came off the boat.



Perilous shore: illegal immigrants from Fujian rescued when their journey to America ended last week with their boat hitting a sandbank off New York. Four women have since been freed and will probably get asylum

Deng presses for slowdown in economic growth

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

AFTER a year when China's economy grew faster than any other in the world, Deng Xiaoping, the senior leader, says the boom may be getting out of hand.

"Emphasising speed does not mean encouraging unreasonable speed," he was quoted as saying yesterday by the *Wen Wei Po* newspaper. "Big leaps and then reversals are not beneficial to maintaining the steady development of the economy."

The Communist party central committee will meet shortly to decide on measures to cool the economy, according to the newspaper, which is published in Hong Kong but is supported by Peking.

He has only himself to blame for the overheated economy, as the boom began early last year when he called for capitalist-style reforms. There is no indication that Mr Deng thinks the reform programme should end. Rather, his remarks appeared to be calling for nothing more drastic than a shift into a slightly lower gear.

"We still must be down to earth and demand efficient, co-ordinated and stable development," he said. A slightly higher level of alarm was apparent in comments made by Jiang Zemin, the Communist party general secretary, also quoted in *Wen Wei Po*. He said economic problems had to be tackled now or it would be too late. "If problems are left to pile up, it will inevitably foment great disaster," he said.

China's economy grew nearly 13 per cent last year and growth seems to be faster this year. Signs of overheating in the economy are reminiscent of 1988 when inflation led to bank runs and panic buying. Dissatisfaction about price rises among the general public was one of many ingredients in the anti-government demonstrations of the summer of 1989.

Corruption was another ingredient, and Liang Guoqing, the deputy procurator-general, was quoted in yesterday's *China Daily* as saying that phenomenal economic growth had further encouraged officials to line their own pockets.

Inflation has hit a five-year high of more than 15 per cent in the cities, and economists, speaking privately, say that in some places it will soon reach 30 per cent. So far, in the cities, where per capita income grew 27 per cent in the first quarter of this year compared with the same period last year, the price rises are being borne with fewer complaints than in 1988.

Already, however, one city has erupted into demonstrations. Lhasa, the Tibetan capital, is not a typical Chinese city, and it is unlikely that when thousands took to the streets last month their sole concern was prices in the shops. But to a central government living under the shadow of the 1989 Tiananmen Square demonstrations, it was an omen of things to come.

In the countryside, inflation has been lower, but incomes have not kept pace with price rises, and corruption has had more of an impact as local officials impose arbitrary fees and fines. All reports, both official and unofficial, agree that the level of dissatisfaction in the countryside, where about 70 per cent of the population lives, is high.

The authorities try hard to stifle all news of anti-government protests, but unconfirmed reports of unrest are beginning to surface.



Deng: economic reforms introduced last year

Cambodia alliance supports Sihanouk

FROM AGENCE-FRANCE PRESSE IN PHNOM PENH

THE winner of Cambodia's United Nations-supervised elections, the royalist Funcinpec party, has formed an alliance with the smaller Buddhist Liberal Democratic Party in a joint declaration signed yesterday by the party leaders.

Prince Norodom Ranariddh, the royalist leader, and Son Sann, the former prime minister and leader of the Buddhist party, said: "The two parties undertake to cooperate closely and to unite their voices in the constituent assembly."

The move gives the two parties a majority of 68 seats in the 120-seat assembly. It does not, however, give them the two-thirds majority necessary to ratify the country's new constitution.

The statement also said that the parties would give their full support to Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the head of state. "The two parties are ready to reserve for Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk the role of sole uncontested and incontestable leader of Cambodia, with all of the real powers pertaining to this role, in view of realising national reconciliation and unity," the statement said.

The Cambodian People's Party of the Phnom Penh government was still refusing to recognise the election results, claiming widespread irregularities. The government said on Thursday that three provinces had seceded.

Supporters of the ruling party, which was defeated, damaged about 20 UN vehicles in Svay Rieng as protests grew in provincial capitals on the day after the royalist party was pronounced winner. Eric Falt, the UN spokesman, said in Phnom Penh that the "spontaneous" demonstrations were carefully orchestrated by the ruling party.

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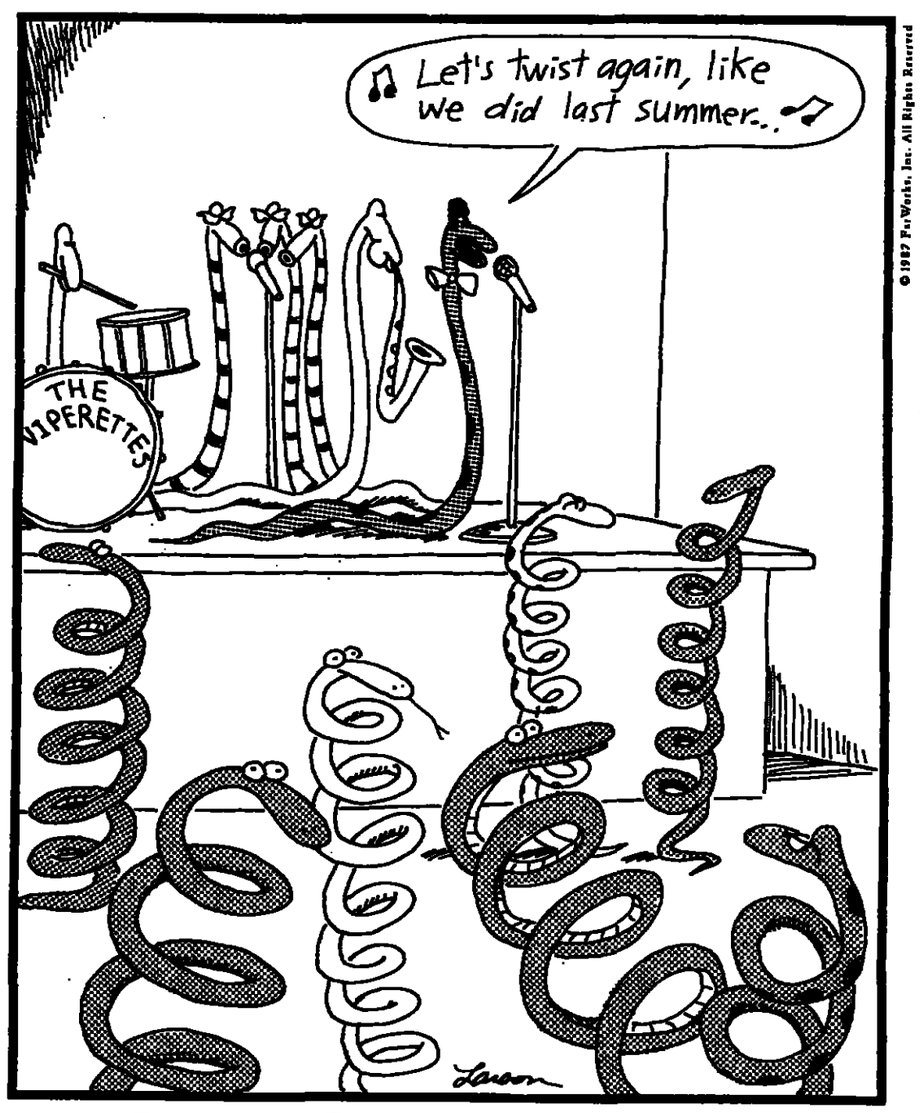
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Homosexuality is more than a jolly schoolboy jape, and to mix it with snobbery for the sake of entertainment is distasteful

Alexander Chancellor in New York

Here I am in New York, minding my own business, thinking of Britain only in terms of what I like about it and what I miss, and I receive this letter, forwarded to me from London. "Dear Mr Chancellor," it begins. "I am writing a book, 'Crushes and Comrades', on the history of homosexuality in boarding schools. This builds on the work done for my PhD at the University of Essex on changing perceptions of homosexuality. The book will hopefully contain a section of comments, either by interview or letter, from Old Etonians."

As I recover from shock at the writer's presumption, I begin to feel a little sorry for him. His crass choice of title would seem to doom the project from the start, and the idea that Old Etonians might want to write him letters about their adolescent sexual experiences is patently absurd. But, as the letter continues, my pity turns to indignation. After asking for my opinions on the prevalence or otherwise, or homosexuality at Eton in my day, and the attitudes of boys and masters towards it, the writer goes on:

"My second purpose in writing is to ask if you have any amusing anecdotes about close friendships or homosexuality at Eton that I could quote. I aim to include a little light relief for the reader — examples of schoolboy humour, the embarrassing interception of billets doux, pep talks by one's housemaster, that sort of thing."

Here, it seems to me, we have the worst aspects of the British class mentality at work. The writer clearly believes that children born into money or privilege are devoid of all sensitivity, and that what for others are the torments of adolescence can be categorised, in their case, as "light relief". In Britain, privilege is assumed to produce heartlessness, which is one of the reasons why the royal family gets such a raw deal. Even so, one might expect a man who got his doctorate in homosexuality to have cottoned on to the fact by now that homosexual attachments are sometimes more than just jolly good fun, that they can even involve pain.

Also, why is he so fixated on Eton? If homosexuality exists there (and I refuse to tell him whether it does or doesn't), it is likely to exist in every other boarding school. Yet Eton is the school that particularly interests him. This, surely, is because he regards Eton as the



poshest of public schools, the one the richest and most privileged boys attend, and therefore the one at which homosexuality is likely to be treated with the greatest sophistication and nonchalance, and therefore the one most likely to yield "amusing anecdotes".

Perhaps I would be less startled by the attitude of this idiotic PhD if I were not living in America, and if I hadn't just finished reading a new book by Calvin Trillin about a contemporary of his at Yale in the 1950s who committed suicide two years ago. The book, *Remembering Denny*, describes a kind of American equivalent of the Eton swell, a young man of extraordinary intellectual and athletic gifts and of dazzling good looks, whom all his classmates revered and whom they liked to imagine would probably end up one day as president of the United States.

Instead, after being featured in *Life* magazine as one of the country's most promising graduates, and then going on to Oxford as a Rhodes scholar, Denny settled for a lacklustre academic career and ended up as a professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington. After he killed himself, Calvin Trillin set out to discover why. The suicide note mentioned agonising back trouble. But the real reason seems to have been that Denny had always been a secret homosexual, and could not live with the shame. Not a very amusing anecdote, I'm afraid.

But then, in this era of Aids, which in this country — as opposed to many others — takes its heaviest toll among gay men, homosexuality is not generally thought of as a source of jokes. One may mock some of the posturings of gay rights activists. One may laugh at the fix President Clinton got himself into over the issue of gays in the military. But, on the whole, there is little scope for light relief. There is far too much fear and suffering involved.

I am assured by friends who have attended grand American boarding schools that homosexuality is just as likely to exist — or not exist — in them as in British public schools. So I gave a copy of the PhD's letter to a distinguished alumunus of one such institution and asked him how he would respond to the questionnaire.

I got a note back. "Well," it read, "if someone had sent *me* a letter and a set of questions like this, I wouldn't answer and I wouldn't give the matter a moment's further thought . . . clearly, you are too responsible and admirable to give this the treatment it deserves. And if you quail at using your wastebasket, mine is always available." That was kind of him, but I quail not. I am putting the letter in my basket now.

Barbara Amiel is pleased to see a slightly louche aspect emerging in her goody-two-shoes homeland

Canada's off-the-shoulder politics

Meet Kim Campbell, she of the bare shoulders peeking provocatively from behind the judicial robes she holds. Alas, by now the mac set knows that the lady had a strapless dress on in spite of the pin-up calendar pose for the book of photos unpromisingly titled *Portraits: Canadian Women in Focus*. But, look, this is Canadian politics and when the model is a wannabe, probably-will-be next prime minister of Canada, you have a story. Anything slightly louche in Canada — where post-war parliamentary history has seemed to pride itself on producing more goody-two-shoes legislation than Brussels, Sweden and Disneyland combined — is news.

Tomorrow, delegates to the Progressive Conservative leadership convention will choose the prime minister to succeed Brian Mulroney, who resigned last January after his popularity (or rather lack of it) actually hit 12 per cent, just below the prime rate and below the percentage of Americans who believe Elvis Presley is still alive.

Campbell, currently the defence minister and before that minister of justice, is still the odds-on favourite to succeed Mulroney, but her margin has slipped. Coming up fast behind is a pedestrian French-Canadian, environmental minister Jean Charest, whose sole asset in this leadership race seems to be that he has taken an identifiable position on one issue, federal/provincial relations, while joining Ms Campbell in fudging his views on everything else.

Canadian political campaigns and leadership conventions are at best popularity contests, ideology never having had much of a role in this country, where politics since the war has always rested comfortably left-of-centre in a cat's cradle of social engineering, redistribution of wealth through transfer payments to worse-off provinces and a regulatory climate that would warmed the cockles of old GLC stalwarts. Even the advent of Quebec separation and the rise of Canada's new Reform party (a mix of economic Thatcherism and fundamentalist Conservatism) hasn't focused the leading candidates on the need for strong policies. The party still rolls on with Campbell talking about "Kim's thought" from pink-and-blue painted buses with loudspeakers playing Her Song: "Kim, Kim, K-I-M / She'll be our next PM . . ."

When it comes to political skills, Britain's Conservative government looks like a conclave of gravitas-laden statesmen compared to the fiasco in Canada. Kim Campbell, the likely new prime minister, has been in politics for a mere four years, and has shown no discernible skills in any of the cabinet posts she has held. Her public utterances suggest an ability adequate to run a secretarial pool.

Campbell's basic approach has been to modify any legislation in front of her to suit squeaking wheels. Thus Canada is now the proud possessor of the most bizarre rape laws in the Western world, in which men are obliged, among other things, to prove that they took "reasonable steps to determine that the complainant was consenting". A brisk business in consent forms in bars and on bedside tables is anticipated.

Campbell's speedy rise typifies the contemporary preoccupation with new faces in politics, especially women or blacks. Her penchant is for quick off-the-cuff remarks. The quips are opaque, rather like the early days of the Duke of Edinburgh's humour, and regarded as terribly funny, even though no one can quite see their point. After the débâcle of her bare-shouldered photo, Campbell retorted: "A comparison between Madonna and me is a comparison between a strapless evening gown and a gownless evening strap." Huh? The response of the media was unanimous: "smart", "witty", "plain-spoken".

What is ingeneous, if born of desperation, is the attempt to portray Campbell's foot-in-mouth disease as an example of refreshing candour that marks her out as "her own person". Campbell has come a cropper on a number of witless remarks, ranging from light-hearted jests about the "evils of the papacy" to her classifying of opponents as "enemies of Canada". She allowed her PR machine to say she was bilingual, which — as her first speech in French made clear — is not the case. Her French, though, is brilliant compared with her Yiddish, in which she also claimed some fluency, and, I suspect, better than her Russian, despite her claims to be an "old Soviet hand". (She did course work in Russian studies, and was in the Soviet Union for three months.) The fact is, as one Toronto newspaper pointed out, if voters were given the choice between candidate X, Y, Z or None of the Above, then NOA would win by a landslide.

> Politicians face the costs of endless entitlements and an economic crunch

What is going on in the West? None of the Above is the most popular chap in America, Britain, Canada and quite possibly many European countries. Historians will point out precedents for this, but I think the situation is unique to our time. Politicans are faced with the costs of endless social entitlements and at the same time an economic crunch. The old solution — to run for office but fudge, say nothing specific and waffle on — simply won't wash.

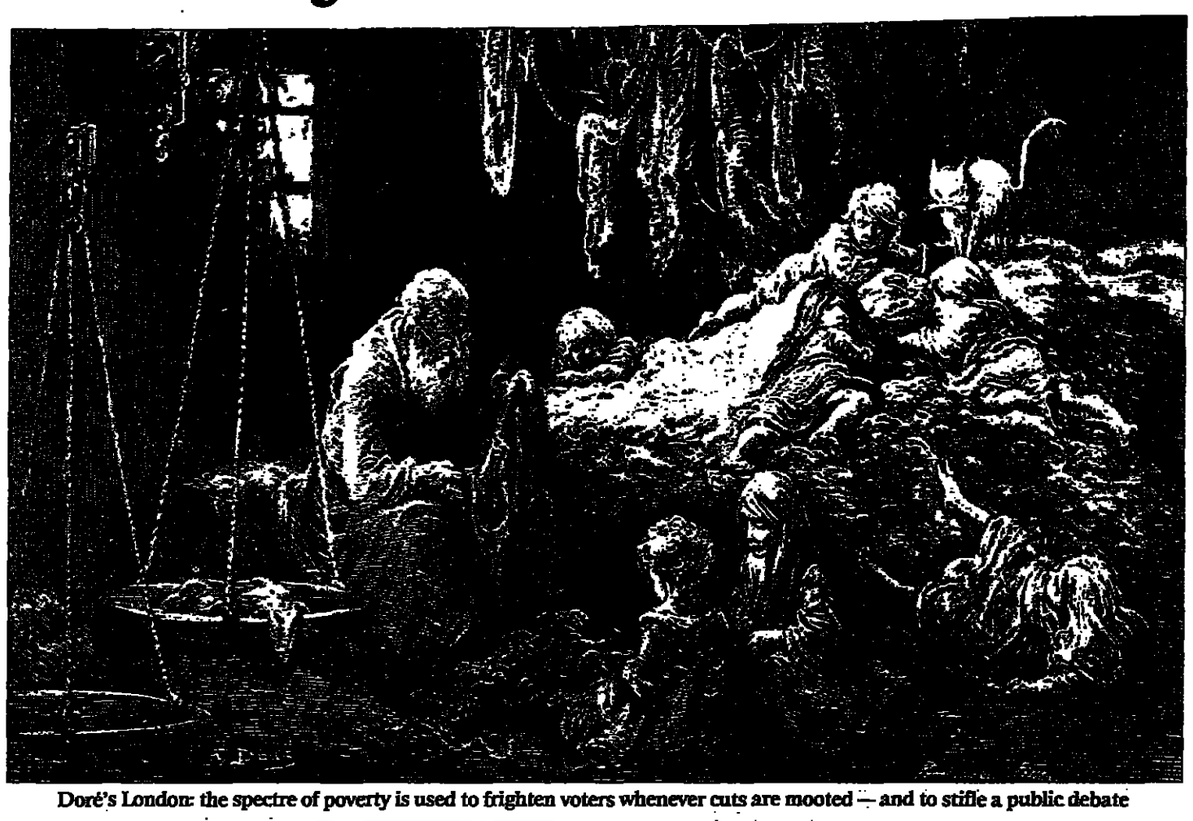
On the other hand, if a political candidate tells even a bit of the truth, never mind showing the slightest evidence of a mind of his own or a cohesive left or right-wing view, he is pounced upon by highly organised groups with media influence.

One might say it was ever so. What has changed is that the West has reached critical mass in special-interest politics. The result is that nonentities run for office — or entities who make a point of doing nothing or opting for safety because it is very difficult to win an election against the organised vocal opposition of interest groups, which are largely of the left. At the point of critical mass, chain reaction destroys the system and two things can happen: either it collapses or it mutates. In America we can see what is happening in response to the critical-mass race-and-gender politics of Bill Clinton: the silent majority of the country is asserting itself, witness the election in Los Angeles of a Reagan Republican white centi-millionaire for mayor, replacing black liberal Democratic Mayor Bill Bradley, and in Texas, a Conservative Republican Senator replacing the Democrat.

I can't tell what would happen in Canada if a leader of vision arose. Since there is no one on the horizon, this scenario can be dispensed with and tomorrow Canadians can elect Kim Campbell or Jean Charest, sing their ditties and wave pink and blue rosettes, keeping in mind the fact that in the end, just about any Progressive Conservative candidate can beat the hapless Jean Chretien, leader of Canada's Liberal party and Mr None of the Above could whip them all.

This Lilley-livered letter

All parties know welfare changes are needed, yet they are afraid to say so out loud



Doré's London: the spectre of poverty is used to frighten voters whenever cuts are mooted — and to stifle a public debate

Every prime minister in trouble needs a little sunbeam. John Major must yesterday have scanned the clouds for a break, a little ray of joy, when smack in his face came another thunderbolt. It was a letter to him leaked in full from his social security secretary, Peter Lilley. The letter was not a *billet doux* — "best wishes at this difficult time" — but a top secret missive on the future of the welfare state. Mr Lilley's epistolary style is not in the Sackville-West class, but the document is a minor classic of British government. It is leaden with meaning.

The letter purports to be an account of a meeting between Mr Lilley and the Treasury secretary, Michael Portillo, before seeing Mr Major. Mr Lilley said yesterday that he "knew nothing" of the letter, had never seen it and could thus not comment on it. This is odd since the letter (faxed secretly to the Press Association) is full of Lilleyesque vigour: phrases such as "I am firmly against", "I know Michael is keen but," and "not worth the political flak". This is not the scribbling of a bureaucrat or the fiction of the royal ratpack. It is the authentic sound of Whitehall preparing for battle, of engines revving and guns loading for the great War of the Welfare State.

The letter is mostly written in politicspeak. It opens with Mr Lilley nobly wanting to save money by ending an obvious maladministration. The number claiming benefit as "too ill to work after six months of sickness" (invalidity) is estimated to have tripled since 1979, the cost rising from £840 million to an astonishing £8.2 billion in 1995. This suggests either that the National Health Service is no good or that "long-term sickness" has become a flexible friend to many workers and unemployed. Invalidity benefit is usually higher than unemployment benefit. Mr Lilley suspects massive abuse. Two-thirds of inner city GPs admit to falsifying medical certificates. If such a racket were revealed in a private company, the chief executive and auditors would be fired. In good old Whitehall, the Treasury merely says tut-tut.

Mr Lilley complains that he proposed cost-cutting measures last year, but "could not command sufficient support from colleagues". Really, with some five billion pounds at stake? He now believes the climate has changed. He proposes to tighten medical tests and tax payments. He suggests that taxing benefits might be a more acceptable form of targeting than means-testing them. Let the taxman sort out the needy from the scrounger, implies Mr Lilley. He is, however, opposed to "hitting existing beneficiaries" by this means. This seems uncharacteristically wimpish.

The letter never forgets that it is from a spending department in mortal combat with the Treasury. It warns Mr Major, with a dig at Mr Portillo, that "there is bound to be some outrage at the reduction in benefits without a corresponding reduction in [National Insurance] contributions". Mr Lilley suggests that a defence against such public outrage would be "to point to the pay-as-you-go nature of the NI scheme". Students of public finance will be delighted at this time-warp: no taxpayer of my acquaintance regards National Insurance these days as anything but more income tax. Does Mr Lilley still wear a Utility vest and buy his sweets with a ration book?

This is all heady stuff. Targeting payments, taxing benefits, fiddling National Insurance is the raw material of the welfare state review reportedly taking place within the Treasury. Yet how is the review being resolved? The sound of gunfire can already be heard. "Michael [Portillo] agreed broadly with the approach I propose . . . but does not believe that it goes far enough in reducing public expenditure." Mr Lilley believes a package of cuts wanted by Mr Portillo would not "be worth the political flak". Mr Portillo may be the darling of the right, but Mr Lilley wants John Major to know that the popularity of the government relies upon his own sensitive political antenna.

Simon Jenkins

We can here smile at the thought that were Messrs Lilley and Portillo to swap jobs, there is no doubt they would also swap opinions. No matter that both are supposedly on the right. Mr Lilley would earnestly believe in deeper cuts and Mr Portillo would passionately warn of their lunacy. But institutions and ideas are truly in contention. Ministers are mere mercenaries, uniforms and convictions supplied bespoke.

A leitmotif of the letter is the assumed public reaction. Mr Portillo seeks more targeting of social benefits, even of occupational pensions, as part of his spending review. Yet to Mr Lilley, targeting is full of dangers. "I accept that it would be logical and equitable," he says of a proposal to target a certain pension scheme, "but it would be politically undeliverable". The government should "avoid sparking an unhelpful debate about the future of the contributory principle now".

What is this: something that is both "logical and equitable" cannot be mentioned in public, let alone delivered? The Treasury can chip away at welfare benefits but must not risk an unhelpful debate on the defunct and unsustainable concepts behind them. Spending ministers must race round warning the Treasury not to frighten the public.

Spending departments and Opposition spokesmen have greeted the welfare review by declaring whole strands of policy to be "no-go areas" — hospitals, mortgage tax relief, housing benefit, state pensions — despite the open-ended demands these all place on the Exchequer. Small wonder the Treasury bickers and complains at every turn. Yet the Treasury is so structured that it never meets the public and cannot test the electoral blackmail of big spending departments. It is like an embassy whose staff never visit the home country.

The Lilley letter is that of a tortured soul seeking compromise. Yesterday's reaction to the leak will ensure that the current Treasury review of the benefits system will be acrimonious and partisan. Labour seemed incapable of grasping that at least some ministers are thinking long-term — except as another stick with which to beat them.

Yet Labour is itself reviewing the welfare state. Its national policy forum, the commission on social justice, even the Labour co-ordinating committee manifesto have been open-minded on the future of universal welfare benefits. Can the question of British welfare and prosperity not be discussed outside a party context?

Fifty years ago, social reform was treated by politicians as a proper national debate, not confined within Westminster's Doubting Castle. Royal commissions, wise academics and inspired individuals were called on to help: Beveridge, Maud, Plowden, Robbins. Today's review of the welfare state is treated as a by-product of the Treasury spending round, a Whitehall alley-fight in which "public opinion" is merely a useful cosh. The frankness of the Lilley letter suggests that politicians simply cannot handle this review. They are too scared. Where is Beveridge now?

Witch report



John Major opted for Macmillan to explain away his little local difficulty. Paddy Ashdown, fearless ex-Marine that he is, chose *Macbeth*. It was the one good bit of news for a prime minister at the end of the bloodiest of weeks.

For as anyone with an ounce of trapeze artiste in his blood knows, you quote Shakespeare's Scottish play at your peril. Never mind that "if it were done . . . then 'twere well it were done quickly" is just the line to hasten the final despatch of a prime minister spectacularly knifed in the front, the Bard's Scottish play is not to be taken liberties with. Theatrical tradition has it (and what is politics but under-rehearsed theatre) that a terrible fate awaits those that do. Like being leader of Britain's third political party for ever.

Having made so free in public, Mr Ashdown now looks destined to get his political comeuppance. But that can only be modest consolation for a prime minister who has already had his — courtesy, perhaps, of whichever idiot it was who wished him "good luck" as he strode into a packed Commons chamber on Wednesday. Don't the 1983 intake know anything about parliamentary superstitions?

But let no hapless harbinger take away from Norman Lamont's arresting cameo on the floor of the Commons. It was the power of his performance that prompted the ever enthusiastic Mr Ashdown to brush up on his Maccers. Was that a dagger he saw before the prime minister? You bet your sweet bippy it was.

Viewed from the gallery, the same events appeared somewhat differently. Was that a dagger before the prime minister? No, it's behind him. Ah, then it must be *Julius Caesar*, with the plot of which political commentators and prime ministers are all too familiar. But by Wednesday, the mounting chorus of "*Et tu*, Brutus?" was taxing even Mr Major's technique. "*Et tu*, Margaret?" he managed confidently enough on Monday, but then he's had a lot of practice.

His "Not *et tu* too, Michael?" on Tuesday also had a world-weary familiarity, as yet another cabinet colleague managed to combine committing parliamentary *hari-kiri* with stabbing his prime minister in the front. Only the plaintive protest "but it's not a hanging offence" revealed the extent of his hurt. No one had suggested hanging Michael Mates. Sacking maybe. Hanging, definitely not. But hold on, wasn't that a new watch the prime minister was wearing?

It was Wednesday's sobbing delivery of "Oh, surely not *tu* as well, Norman?" that suggested the game was up. But then the prime minister had known since the beginning of the week that the omens were not propitious. What had those three old crones told him at the Tory women's conference a week ago?

"Beware Lamont," cackled the first.

"Teach your grandmother," thought the prime minister.

"One of Irene-born shall harm Major," intoned the second, to an unhearing prime minister, who was wondering whether it was too late to get the last of his delphiniums in.

As for the third old dear, she appeared to have really lost it. "Major shall never vanquished be until the Holbeck Hotel to the North Sea shall come," she moaned.

"Hmph. About as likely as the M4 melting. We're off, just as soon as Norma has finished washing her hands." He really should have listened. Sir Norman Fowler, out to prove he was no mean slouch with a dagger himself, might have thought Lamont's speech was a dud, but a less partial audience could see the mortal wound. The deed was done, let the tragedy unfold.

As the week continued it duly did, with much that should have been fair turning distinctly foul. Indeed, the whole country seemed to be suffering from what John Smith (desperately hoping to land the part of Malcolm in Mr Ashdown's tragedy) dubbed the prime minister's "non-Midas touch". The allusion may have entertained his own backbenchers, but it thoroughly confused commentators now well into Shakespearean mode.

Mr Smith, however, was right. There were strange forces abroad in Britain. Forces that David Mellor, catching the mood but improvising with the metaphor, would describe as "sour, festering and awful". Forces that would see Lady Thatcher holding forth in the House of Lords, while her old sparring partner Neil Kinnock was 200 miles away making an in-flight documentary for British Airways. What's fair is foul, what was public sector goes private.

Forces that would see cricket balls pitch way to leg but hit off-stump; supermarket chickens turning out to be chickens in label alone; heirs to multi-million pound fortunes carted off to prison for lack of £10,000; best kept villages that will be rather less well kept if *Country Life* gets its way, and elderflower champagne that will lose its fizz if the French producers get theirs. It was not just Scarborough hotels that teetered on the brink.

But while most of Britain teetered, one vital element of nationhood went down for what must be the last time. This weekend the only hope for Britain's army of football fans is an unconfirmed report that Gary Lineker is planning an early return from Japan to deliver his own resignation speech (sample: "'England are on the pitch, but not playing football . . . there is too much of the long ball, too much reacting to goals scored by the other side . . .") Beware the boy Lineker, Mr Taylor. As for the nation's voters . . . it's back to Mr Ashdown and the Scottish play.

MATTHEW BOND



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IN THE COURSE OF DUTY

Courage in Bosnia is no substitute for clear political thinking

The killing of two Croat snipers by British troops in Bosnia should be as uncontroversial as the original decision by Lt Col Alastair Duncan to deploy his troops in wholly justified and necessary response to the vicious Croat ambushing of the "convoy of joy" bound from Split to Tuzla. Yesterday was the first time British troops have shot attackers dead at close range, but by no means the first time they have had to return fire. The incident followed the murder of two unarmed civilian drivers in the convoy, which had been placed under UN protection after the earlier shooting of eight drivers and kidnapping of around 30 more. The soldiers acted entirely within their mandate.

The shooting, following sharply on the forced disarming by Muslim gunmen of a British patrol elsewhere in Bosnia, has provoked an outbreak of jitters on the Commons backbenches. What that chiefly signifies is ignorance of the complexities with which Britain's UN peacekeeping contingent have been wrestling for months.

The British base at Vitez may face reprisals from local Croat gunmen but, although there is a case for reinforcements, this incident does not mark a dramatic escalation of the risks. What has made their position delicate, if not yet precarious, is the Muslim offensive against Croat forces in the Travnik-Vitez valley, essentially a battle to secure the supply routes to central and northern Bosnia. But the British presence continues to have the support of the leaders of both Croat and Muslim communities: there is no case for withdrawal, although the government should urgently consider supplying Vitez with heavier weaponry.

British forces have responded with courage and discipline to the violence unleashed by the tragic battle for Travnik, a town where inter-communal tolerance had been remarkably resilient. Earlier this week, they prevented what could have been a massacre of 181 Croat civilians who had fled to a monastery. The "convoy of joy" is not only a purely civilian relief effort, but was jointly organised by Croat and Bosnian Muslim leaders in Tuzla for the benefit of both communities. In protecting it, the British have the support of senior commanders on both sides. The attack, in which gunmen joined Croat civilians, was local revenge for the Muslim torching of nearby villages.

Ironically, this coincided with the signing in Kiseljak on Thursday of a UN-brokered agreement to end the fighting in central Bosnia, allow refugees to return home and share power in the region. If this accord is to have any chance — and despite renewed fighting, Croat and Muslim leaders meet in Geneva this weekend to discuss its implementation — the British monitoring presence will be indispensable. But although it would be folly to over-react to the confrontation over the convoy, the entire humanitarian effort in Bosnia may be edging towards collapse, starved of funds and supplies, starved also of any real connection with a broader strategy for peace.

In Athens, Nato ministers have at last, and with difficulty, agreed to provide air cover for UN operations, not just for the six "safe areas" but throughout Bosnia. Even that will mean nothing unless many more than the 5,000 extra troops the UN is attempting to enlist are sent to Bosnia, and unless UN commanders on the ground treat the protection of troops and civilians as the same thing and call in air support where necessary to carry out their mandate. The relief in Athens says all too much about the fragility of trans-Atlantic relations. The West is nowhere near a coherent plan to protect the victims of this war effectively. As for a settlement, it daily slips further from the reach of the most powerful alliance in the world. Courage on the ground is no substitute for clear thinking in chancelleries.

IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH

Invalidity benefit should not be treated as another form of dole

Much embarassment has been caused to the government by the leaking of proposals for taxing invalidity benefit and tightening up the procedures on long-term sickness claimants. The Opposition is bound to encourage the suspicion that the most vulnerable in society are about to pay the price for Treasury mismanagement of the economy. Support groups for the disabled will condemn what appears to be a deprivation of assistance to the helpless.

None of these accusations gets to the heart of a problem which should be clear to those involved in the administration of invalidity benefit. The number of claimants, or "long-term sick", has more than doubled since 1979 from 600,000 to 1,500,000 although there is no evidence of a corresponding increase in actual ill-health. The cost of invalidity benefit is expected to rise to £8.2 billion by 1995-96. This is a truly alarming trajectory of cost especially as it is without apparent medical explanation.

Part of the reason for this disproportionate growth in claimed "disabilities" may be the attractiveness of invalidity status. Not only does it entitle a claimant to financially higher payments than unemployment benefit but it does not carry any social stigma. Being declared too ill or disabled to work is a more dignified condition than simply being out of a job. According to a survey published last week, two-thirds of inner city GPs admitted to categorising unemployed patients falsely as unfit for work so that they could become eligible for the higher sickness benefit. This may be a reflection of the sympathy that family doctors feel for their patients' real hardship, or of the pressure which GPs are under to support false claims.

Equally, the government has little political incentive to disturb a petty deceit which will tend to disguise the real extent of unemployment by shunting many of the jobless into the vague category of the "invalid".

Under current procedure, the granting of disabled status is left entirely to the discretion of individual GPs. There are no official guidelines handed down by the DSS establishing medical criteria for what constitutes "invalidity". The family doctor must decide, in the first instance, whether a patient is unfit for work for an initial six month period. At the end of that six months, provided that the GP agrees, the claimant is automatically transferred to the "long-term" sick category in which he may remain indefinitely. This system exposes GPs to considerable emotional blackmail.

One of Peter Lilley's leaked proposals is for a new medically-based test which would make the judging of eligibility less subjective and open to abuse. But this is no uncontroversial matter: what is a real disability to one person may not be to another. A manual worker with a strained back may be rendered genuinely unable to work while many desk-bound professionals would be unhindered. The whole of a patient's circumstances must be taken into account if injustices are to be avoided. But if a system that was designed to help the genuinely sick has, in fact, become an extension of the dole, then this can only distort the intentions of the welfare state and, in the end, work against the interests of deserving claimants. Reforms are urgently needed. The government should make it clear that they will be carried out with as much attention to humanity as to cost effectiveness.

ART AND MART

Rembrandts are beyond rubies and the rows of scholarship

Art and the market make awkward bedfellows. The latest incompatibility between these two uneasily symbiotic worlds is shown by the collapse of the Rembrandt Research Project, which has thrown the Old Master market into confusion.

For the past 25 years a team of Dutch art historians has been trying to authenticate or reject the 630 paintings attributed, confidently or hopefully or crookedly, but certainly excessively, to that thunderbolt of genius. Four of the five members of the team have now resigned, leaving all attributed paintings between 1642 and Rembrandt's death in 1669 unexamined.

The referees' criteria are now in doubt, their previous judgments suspect, and most owners of Rembrandts or pseudo-Rembrandts are alarmed and enraged. The scholars themselves were horrified by the effect that their academic pronouncements had on the art market, and by the close interest that the Press took in their every pronouncement, which could make a difference of millions of guilders to the saleroom price of a painting. The four who resigned, all in their seventies, decided that the project was too vast to be completed in a single generation. But their real reason was the different dimension of art and mart.

Authenticating a painting can be as doubtful an act as awarding an honour or telling a fortune. The subjective skill is showmanship and bluff as much as science. Ever since Bernard Berenson and Joseph Duveen turned connoisseurship into a profitable acitivity, with considerable suspicion that they manipulated the market for reasons that were mercenary rather than scholarly, there has been intellectual snobbery by art scholars for the trade. He who paints with the devil should use a long brush. But the division between scholarship and the market is detrimental to both, by depriving scholars of human hurly-burly and the sight of many interesting objects, and by robbing the salesmen of disinterested objectivity and credibility.

Art needs both its scholars and its salesmen. Rembrandt, who was chronically hard-up and at times insolvent, got his priorities right. His incomparable series of self-portraits show him facing the hardships of life with dignity — someone who has no illusions about life, but equally no bitterness. The obsessions are the paintings, which tell the truth about the human condition, and are mostly publicly on view, from the Rijksmuseum to the National Gallery.

Of all markets, the market in art is the most absurd; it deals in values that are beyond price. Scholars must do their best to write their glosses on genius, by hunch and judgment. Dealers will drum up trade. It is easier to rig the market in hard objects, such as diamonds, than in works of emotion and art. Authenticity and scholarship matter a lot. Even money matters, a bit. But the great Rembrandts, such as the self-portraits or *The Night Watch* or *The Return of the Prodigal Son* in the Hermitage are beyond both millions and analysis.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Lamont's policies, judgment and resignation speech

From Mr P. C. Le Mesurier

Sir, In his resignation speech (report, June 10) Mr Lamont fluently demonstrated why he needed to be replaced. His blind faith that the UK economy would benefit from an independent Bank of England and the extraordinary emphasis he seems to place on this are astounding in the light of the Bundesbank's recent performance.

As well explained by Mr George Soros in his open letter published in your Business section (June 9), the damage caused to the real economy of Germany and many other European countries by the Bundesbank's blinkered obsession with high interest rates has been catastrophic and ought to be a lesson for all time in how not to manage any economy.

To charge an uncontrollable independent body with the obligation to fight inflation by, if need be, strangling the life out of industry and commerce through cripplingly expensive credit and uncompetitive exchange rates is just not rational.

It would be pure madness in the UK, where the economy is hypersensitive to interest-rate changes owing to the unusually high level of home ownership and of non-fixed-rate borrowing and is already hopelessly over-dependent on imports.

There is a terrible price to pay in relying on the blunt instrument of monetary policy to batter inflation out of an economy, as demonstrated twice by Thatcherism and more recently by the Bundesbank. It is luck (and inherited stability), not wisdom, which has prevented the Bundesbank from creating havoc earlier. Monetary and fiscal policies need managing in tandem, not in competition with one another by separate bodies with separate briefs.

We have to thank Mr Soros and other speculators, not Mr Lamont, for forcing some sanity into the management of the UK economy. If Mr Lamont had better judgment he might recognise this with some humility.

Yours faithfully,
PETER Le MESURIER,
Winterset, The Drive,
Godalming, Surrey.
June 11.

From Mr Andrew Rowe, MP for Kent Mid (Conservative)

Sir, Yesterday's speech by Norman Lamont raises some perplexing questions. If the Chancellor was so dismayed by the way the country is being governed, why was he so keen to remain in his position at the heart of the government? If the prime minister is as the former Chancellor paints him, why was he so keen to promote him to the post?

At the very least these questions cast doubt on Mr Lamont's political judgment — the very reason why the prime minister decided to move him.

The manager of John Major's leadership campaign seems to have expected that the prime minister would always accept his view in preference to anyone else's. When the prime minister, as he had every right, and indeed the duty, exercised his own judgment and chose an alternative policy, some of those who had supported him as leader felt "betrayed" and began an unscrupulous and disgraceful whispering campaign against him. This has coincided with a peculiarly difficult time in the economic cycle.

The great majority of Conservative MPs support the prime minister. We hope that he will give no more ground to those whose loyalty cannot be relied upon and build, instead, on those of us who, regardless of how they voted in the leadership election, support him now. I believe in the Conservative party.

I take an old-fashioned view of loyalty and I say farewell with no regrets to Cabinet ministers who put their personal pique before the welfare of the party which has given them the only prominence they have ever achieved.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW ROWE,
House of Commons.
June 10.

From Mr Neville A. Woods

Sir, Those who have been calling for Mr Lamont's resignation may take cold comfort in his being forced out in the reshuffle. By his own admission he failed to promote, to the prime minister, his colleagues in the Cabinet or the government, the policies which he believed to be right. It is convenient for him to now tell us that that is what he has been trying to do.

If he had managed to push through the establishment of an independent central banking authority or the provision of an escape from the ERM, perhaps the economy would be in better shape. He should have made it clear a long time ago what he wanted to see happen.

Perhaps other members of the government will learn from him, debate their strategy in the open and resign with honour when they see no progress, expressing only their hopes for the future in their resignation speeches, not regrets for lack of achievement in the past.

Yours faithfully,
N. A. H. WOODS,
70 Meadvale Road, W5.
June 10.

From Mr John Beecham

Sir, I listened carefully not only to the content but also to the tone of Mr Lamont's address to the House of Commons on Wednesday.

Is it not possible that Mr Lamont's intention was to administer just the medicine most urgently needed by the prime minister, the government and the Conservative party alike, and that he did it in all sincerity and in a benevolent spirit? As you yourself said (leading article, June 10), Mr Major's only chance of survival is to take it.

Bitter medicine it undoubtedly was, but no one would attribute a bitter and revengeful spirit to a physician who employed any kind of medicine, or the knife, in the hope of saving his patient's life.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN BEECHAM,
Shalom, Station Road,
Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire.
June 10.

From Mr Douglas Verrall

Sir,
1. When Norman Lamont says, "This is not an easy statement for me to make", he does not intend immediately to reveal John Major's faults. What does he intend to show about John Major? (*1 mark*)

2. When Lamont finishes his speech, how do the other members of Parliament treat him? (*1 mark*)

3. Explain how the expression "There is something wrong with the way we make our decisions" conveys the strength of Lamont's feelings. (*2 marks*)

4. Referring to Lamont's speech, explain what forced the finance ministers of no fewer than nine countries to "eat their words". (*2 marks*)

5. Give two reasons why members of the Opposition were affected by Lamont's speech. (*2 marks*)

6. Why do you think Lamont is so successful in influencing public opinion? Refer closely to his speech to support your answer. (*4 marks*)

Yours testily,
DOUGLAS VERRALL,
3 Springfield Road,
St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex.
June 10.

Pirates of the cockle shores

From Mr Christopher Tatham

Sir, Having collected cockles for the pot for many years on our Atlantic coast (report, "Cockle war in Wales", later editions, June 10), we were amazed to discover that they had disappeared from a bed at Crinan in Argyllshire, where hitherto we had been able to rake up a bucketful from 20 square feet in half an hour. We imagined that their disappearance was probably due to some natural cause.

Not a bit of it! We found pirates with no local connections had removed every living cockle between tides on a single day with a tractor and rake attached, leaving the small ones on the surface to die from exposure. This has been happening increasingly, our informant assured us, along the whole of our Atlantic coast.

As there is a ready market on the Continent for the seafood we ignore, such entrepreneurial activity would be justified if properly controlled. But it is vandalism if wide-boys interested only in getting rich quick lay the place bare without thought for conservation and local interests.

The winkle population throughout Scotland is also being systematically destroyed by pirates who turn up from offshore taking everything within sight. Colonsay is a perfect example of this calculated vandalism. Should there not be a close season to protect the long-term future of our once prolific sea-shore?

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER TATHAM,
6 St James Terrace,
Winchester, Hampshire.
June 10.

French for motorway

From Mr Alan Sacks

Sir, Suggested names for motorways, following the example of the French (Mr Geoff Buckley's letter, June 8): M25 = Autoroute de la Confiture; and M3 = Autoroute de l'Argent.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN SACKS,
St Andrews Court, 1-4 River Front,
Enfield, Middlesex.

From Mr Robert Hayden

Sir, I cannot think of any printable name, in French or any other language, for the M1; but the M25 could be called "Boulevard Einstein". Like the Universe, it is constantly getting wider, is inimical to human life and ultimately goes nowhere.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT HAYDEN,
14 Wensleydale,
Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Tony Lees

Sir, M1? Autoroute des Travaux. M25? L'Escargot.

Yours faithfully,
TONY LEES,
80 Westfield Avenue North,
Saltdean, Brighton, East Sussex.

From Mrs Claudine R. Singer

Sir, M25 = Autoroute Proust, in view of the *temps perdu*.

Yours faithfully,
CLAUDINE R. SINGER,
78 Front Road,
Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent.

From Mr Alan Toop

Sir, The M25: Huis Clos.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN TOOP,
93 Riverview Gardens, SW13.

From Mr A. Kenney-Herbert

Sir, M25: Le Grand Cercle de Parking.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY KENNEY-HERBERT,
The Poplars,
Rolstone, Hewish,
Nr Weston-super-Mare, Avon.

From Mr Barrie Milnes

Sir, The M20, which leads to the Channel ports and beyond, surely merits La Grande Illusion.

Yours truly,
BARRIE MILNES,
19 Stanmore Court,
Canterbury, Kent.

From Mr David Neave

Sir, M25: Rien ne va plus?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID NEAVE,
The Old Brewhouse,
Rowsham, Nr Aylesbury,
Buckinghamshire.

From Mr David Wolfson

Sir, Collectively, Les Misérables.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID WOLFSON,
49 Raffles House,
Brampton Grove, NW4.

UN in Somalia

From Mr M. M. Abdi

Sir, The overwhelming power with which the Americans intervened in Somalia last December made sure that they sustained no casualties in combat in the five months they were there. The majority left and were replaced by an assortment of ill-equipped troops from a dozen nations, including Pakistan, whose troops lost 22 men in the shoot-out in Mogadishu (report, June 7).

The Security Council, true to its tradition of talking tough but not acting accordingly, issued empty warnings, which will not be followed by decisive action. The behaviour of the Western nations in Bosnia gives General Mohamed Farah Aidid and his like the assurance that they can get away with murdering UN troops.

The militia of General Aidid, who is blamed for the murder, are equipped with an array of sophisticated weapons, including US wire-guided missiles similar to the ones American troops are using in Somalia. The UN's unwillingness to apprehend General Aidid and try him and the other warlords is an indication that it fears endangering its own staff.

The UN cannot have it both ways in Somalia. It should either intervene and get tough with the militias and disarm them, by force if necessary, or get out of Somalia before more young men die needlessly.

Yours sincerely,
M. M. ABDI,
19 Berenger Tower,
World's End Estate, SW10.
June 8.

Opportunity knocks

From Sir Alan Cottrell, FRS, FEng

Sir, Mr Anthony Burns (letter, June 9), in pointing out that Corda's development of a new scanner for atheroma was ignored by British industry but taken up with avid interest by two overseas companies, has put his finger on the central problem which frustrates the attainment of the goal yearned for in the government's recent white paper on science policy, *Realising our Potential* (report, May 27). His example is but one of countless spurned British inventions.

Why does our industry react so negatively to science-based commercial opportunities? Could not the Office of Science and Technology, in consort with the Department of Trade and Industry, discover the true answer to this question and thereby promote a more enthusiastic and encouraging British industrial attitude?

Yours faithfully,
ALAN COTTRELL,
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Cambridge.
June 9.

Fathers and divorce

From Mr Bruce Lidington

Sir, Both the interview with Mr Alistair Burt, social security minister ("Tories will force fathers to accept responsibility", June 1), and your editorial of the same date, "Fatherhood reclaimed", stressed that financial responsibility is only one aspect of fatherhood in divorce, yet both articles make positive reference to the newly implemented Child Support Act.

The act, which is effectively a new law of taxation, places all attention on finance, to the total exclusion and active discouragement of broader paternal involvement with children in divorce. Where a father with a history of violence who abandons his family will have his maintenance levy met in full by the state, a divorced father determined to maintain a healthy relationship with his children will be doubly penalised: once in direct payment of the maintenance levy and again in meeting the substantial cost of remaining a full parent in divorce. For all but higher-income divorcees the act will create further distance between children and their non-resident/custodial parent.

Mr Burt's notification that a ministerial group is to address the complexities of family dynamics is welcome. Financial balance sheets can provide only a "siren song" in these matters; a sensitive and comprehensive overview is desperately needed.

Yours faithfully,
BRUCE LIDINGTON
(Vice-chairman),
Families Need Fathers,
134 Curtain Road, EC2.
June 1.

From Mr Simon Chambers

Sir, Absent fathers should pay maintenance if they can afford to and if the mother wants them to. But far from "encouraging responsible fatherhood", as your leader claims, the Child Support Act encourages violence from resentful fathers pursued for maintenance against the mother's wishes.

The act undermines single mothers' right to state support for the work of raising children, and forces them into financial dependence on men they may want nothing to do with.

Alistair Burt blames divorce and separation on "the preoccupation of the 'me generation' with self-gratification". What this hides is that one in seven women have been raped in marriage and 25 per cent of violent crimes are domestic; thus 70 per cent of divorces are instigated by women, often in order to protect their families from violence.

Your leader's claim that many single-parent families are "a spawning ground for crime, illiteracy and low expectations" is unsubstantiated. On the contrary, some surveys have shown that children raised by single mothers are less likely to be maladjusted. The real problem is not the absence of "paternal role models" but poverty.

The Child Support Act will increase poverty by pushing single mothers off income support and into unprotected low-wage jobs.

Yours sincerely,
SIMON CHAMBERS,
Campaign against the
Child Support Act,
PO Box 287,
London NW6 5QU.
June 8.

Airmen remembered

From Lieutenant Colonel S. Pope

Sir, The very concerned letter of the five marshals of the RAF (May 31), and later letters in their support (June 5) drew attention to the government's apparent refusal to allow participation by the South African Air Force in the 75th anniversary celebrations of the RAF. May I offer some more encouraging news.

Every year on the second Sunday in May those of the Commonwealth air forces who did not return are remembered at an impressive ceremony at their memorial at Runnymede. Officers of the South African Air Force have often laid wreaths on this occasion.

The bond of remembrance between the people of South Africa, Great Britain and all Commonwealth countries has risen above all the political misfortunes of recent years to continue its natural course within the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League, of which the South African Legion is a founder member and whose next conference it will host.

Those wishing to associate with this bond of remembrance have the opportunity to be present at the Cenotaph in Whitehall next month on the day known in South Africa as Delville Wood day — this is named in memory of the courageous and costly feat of arms by a South African brigade during the Somme campaign in 1916.

Wreaths will be laid by the South African ambassador and ex-servicemen. Other organisations and persons also may then lay wreaths.

Yours faithfully,
SAM POPE
(Assistant Secretary-General),
British Commonwealth
Ex-Services League,
48 Pall Mall, SW1.
June 10.

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Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 071-782 5046.

A burnt-out case?

From Mr H. Ferguson

Sir, If the ashes from an incinerated Wembley goalpost were placed in an urn and presented to the Americans, we might have more success in regaining them than we are having with the Ashes of English cricket.

Yours sincerely,
H. FERGUSON,
5 Hampton Court, Hampton Road,
Redland, Bristol, Avon.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 11: The Queen visited Northern Ireland today.

Having been received by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (the Rt Hon Sir Patrick Mayhew MP), Lieutenant General Roger Wheeler (General Officer Commanding Northern Ireland) and Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for County Down (Colonel William Brownlow), Her Majesty this morning attended a reception and afterwards honoured the Secretary of State with her presence at luncheon at Hillsborough Castle.

The Queen this afternoon attended a garden party at Hillsborough Castle.

Mrs John Dugdale, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning took the chair at the judging of The Prince Philip Prize for the Designer of the Year at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Patron, the London Federation of Boys' Clubs, this afternoon opened the Northern and Shell Tower, City Harbour, London E14.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Honorary Life Fellow, the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufacturers and Commerce, later presented the Environmental Management Awards for 1993 at Buckingham Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 11: The Prince Edward, Patron, this evening attended a Performance given by the Cambridge Youth Theatre of "The Odyssey", the Drama Centre, Covent Garden, Mill Road, Cambridge.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 11: The Princess Royal, President, the Royal Cornwall Agricultural Association, today attended the Royal Cornwall Show, the Royal Cornwall Showground, Wadebridge, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cornwall (the Viscount Falmouth).

Lady Carew-Pole was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 11: The Prince of Wales today visited the Royal County of Berkshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant (Mr John Henderson).

His Royal Highness this morning opened the Mobility Roadshow at the Transport Research Laboratory, Old Wokingham Road, Crowthorne.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited the Museum of Rural History, Reading University.

Commander Richard Aylard RN and Mr Gerald Ward were in attendance.

His Royal Highness later visited the headquarters of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations, Regent's Wharf, All Saints Street, London N1.

Miss Belinda Harley was in attendance.

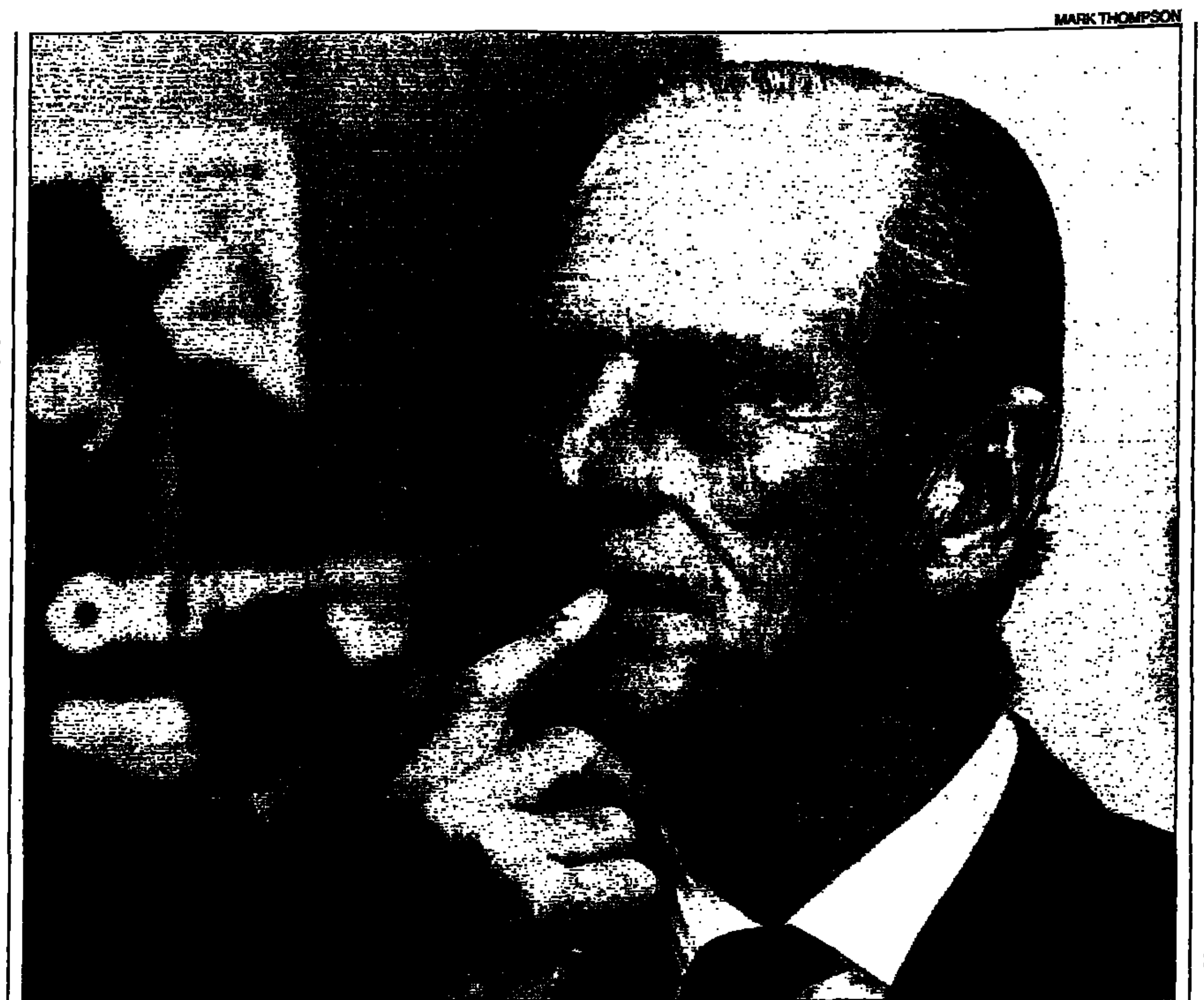
The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, this evening attended a Meeting of supporters of the International Youth Foundation at St James's Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 11: The Princess of Wales this morning visited the Refuge, Chiswick, London W4.

June 11: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the Friends of the Elderly and Gentlefolk's Help, this evening visited the Fine Art and Antiques Fair at Olympia.

The Hon Mrs Whitehead was in attendance

YORK HOUSE,
ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 11: The Duke of Kent, Colonel, Scots Guards, this evening attended the Senior Colonel's Annual Conference at Buckingham Palace, London SW1.



MARK THOMPSON

Contemplation: the Duke of Edinburgh looking thoughtfully round the new headquarters of Northern and Shell publications at City Harbour, east London, which he opened yesterday. The duke is patron of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs, which Northern and Shell has supported for many years. As the duke arrived he was heckled by anti-pornography protesters objecting to some of Northern and Shell's publications

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A. Chisholm and Miss E. Pakenham
The engagement is announced between Alex, son of Duncan and Annabelle Chisholm, of Bourton House, Flax Bourton, Bristol, and Eliza, daughter of Thomas and Valerie Pakenham, of Tullynally, Castlepollard, County Westmeath. The wedding will take place on September 25, in Westmeath.

Mr P.I. Cornish and Miss S.M.R. Green
Mr and Mrs Peter Green, of Sutton Valence, Kent, are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Samantha to Philip, younger son of Mrs Helen Cornish, of Trumpington, Cambridge, and Mr Victor Cornish, of Javea, Spain.

Mr J.J. Hale and Miss L.J. Bayliss
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, youngest son of Mr and Mrs David Hale, of the Dordogne, France, and Lucy, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Bayliss, of Street, Somerset.

Mr D.A. Harris and Mlle L.S. Veyssière
The marriage of David Anthony, elder son of Mr and Mrs William James Harris, of Royal Leamington Spa, and Laurence Sophie, daughter of M and Mme Georges Veyssière, will take place on Saturday, July 17, at Brive-La-Gaillarde, France.

Mr S.M. King and Miss K. Hallett
The engagement is announced between Stephen, only son of Mr and Mrs Roy King, of Kennington, Oxford, and Katherine, daughter of the late Mr David Hallett and of Mrs Gillian Hallett, of Gothelney Hall, Bridgwater, Somerset.

Mr F.G. Moore and Mrs C.J. Watson
The engagement is announced between Francis, elder son of Captain T.E. Moore, of Fordingbridge, Hampshire, and Mrs N.A. Moore, of Sutton Mandeville, Wiltshire, and Catherine (Puffin) Watson, of Burleigh, Gloucestershire.

Mr B.A. Mulholland and Miss E.M. Hamilton
The engagement is announced between Brian, son of Mr and Mrs James Mulholland, of Shoreham, Sussex, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs H.W. Hamilton, of Jerretts Pass, Co Down.

Mr M.A. Ramsay and Miss F.A. Inglis
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr Dennis Ramsay, of Melbourne, Australia, and of Mrs Rosie Ramsay of Kingsdown, Deal, Kent, and Ann, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Inglis, of Gifford, East Lothian.

Mr R.W. Smith and Miss C.A.L. Wallace
The engagement is announced between Richard William, elder son of Mr and Mrs Frederick Smith, of Calton, Skipton, and Constance Armine Louise, daughter of the late Mr Graeme Wallace and of Mrs Graeme Wallace, of Tresmeer, Launceston.

Mr M.Q. Vine and Miss V.S.L. Penfold
The engagement is announced between Matthew Quenault, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A.J. Vine, of Godalming, Surrey, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs P-J.B.L. Penfold, of Craigend House, Stirling.

Marriage

Mr C.M.G. Phillips and Miss C.J. Browne
The marriage took place in London, on Saturday, June 5, at Chelsea Old Church, between Christopher Phillips and Caroline Browne. The Rev Peter Elvy officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Anoushka Parker, Max Walker, Alexander, Jasper and Tamara Jevons. Mr Rupert Fowler was best man.

The reception was held at The Cavalry and Guards Club. The honeymoon is being spent in the Bahamas.

Weekend royal engagements

Today
The Queen will take the salute at The Queen's Birthday Parade on Horseguards at 11.00. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Princess Margaret, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and Princess Alexandra will also attend.

Prince Edward will attend a luncheon on board the *QE2* in the English Channel at noon to mark the 40th anniversary of the coronation.

Tomorrow
The Duke of Edinburgh, as trustee, will attend a royal gala show at the Theatre Royal, Windsor, at 7.30 in aid of The Prince Philip Trust Fund for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead and the Bud Flanagan Leukaemia Fund.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Vice-Patron of the Queen's Club, will present prizes at the Stella Artois Grass Court Championships, at Palliser Road, W14, at 12.25.

Anniversaries

Today
BIRTHS: Charles Kingsley, novelist, Holne, Devon, 1819; Anthony Eden, 1st Earl of Avon, Prime Minister 1955-57, Bishop Auckland, Durham, 1897; Leon Goossens, oboist, Liverpool, 1897; Anne Frank, who wrote a diary while hiding from the Nazis, Frankfurt am Main, 1929.

DEATHS: William Collins, poet, Chichester, 1759; Thomas Arnold, educator, Rugby, 1842; John Nicholson Ireland, composer, Washington, Sussex, 1962; Sir Herbert Read, poet and critic, Malton, Yorkshire, 1968; Sir Billy Butlin, holiday camp promoter, Jersey, 1980; Dame Marie Rambert, founder of the dance company bearing her name, London, 1982.

Tomorrow
BIRTHS: Fanny Burney (Mme D'Arblay), diarist and novelist, Lynn, Norfolk, 1752; Thomas Arnold, educator, Cowes, 1795; Sir Charles Parsons, pioneer of the steam turbine, London, 1854; W.B. Yeats, poet, dramatist, Senator of the Irish Free State, Nobel laureate 1923, Dublin, 1865; Basil Rathbone, actor, South Africa, 1892; Dr A.A. Griffith, aeronautical engineer and father of fracture mechanics, London, 1893; Dorothy L. Sayers, detective story writer and scholar, Oxford, 1893; Paavo Nurmi, athlete, Turku, Finland, 1897; Carlos Chávez, composer, Mexico City, 1899; Philip Guston, American painter, Montreal, 1913.

DEATHS: Alexander the Great, King of Macedonia, Iraq, 323 BC; Richard Edgeworth, writer, Meathas, Troim, Longford, Ireland, 1817; Sir Henry Segrave, holder of speed records on land and water, killed on Windermere, 1930; Jesse Boot, 1st Baron Trent, chemist and philanthropist, Millbrook, Jersey, 1931; Martin Buber, philosopher, Jerusalem, 1965; Georg von Bekesy, physicist, Nobel laureate 1961, Honolulu, 1972; Benny Goodman, clarinettist, Manhattan, 1986.

Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh

At a ceremony in Edinburgh yesterday the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh conferred Honorary Fellowship upon Professor J. Fischer, Christian R. Holmes Professor of Surgery and Chairman, University of Cincinnati Medical Centre, and upon Mr J.C. Hanrahan, President, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Margaret Venables, Curate (NSM), St Andrew's, Taunton: to be stipendiary Curate, St Andrew's, Taunton (Bath and Wells)

Resignations and Retirements
The Rev Canon David Wood, Vicar, Mitford (Newcastle): to retire as from September 30

Service luncheons

Central India Horse
Brigadier Thurstan Edward-Collins presided at the annual luncheon of the Central India Horse held yesterday at Claridge's hotel.

Skinner's Horse
Officers of Skinner's Horse (1st Duke of York's Own Cavalry) and their ladies held their annual luncheon yesterday at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas Gray presided.

RM Poole
Lieutenant-General R.J. Ross, Commandant General Royal Marines, and Mrs Ross were the principal guests at a luncheon held yesterday at RM Poole after a Drumhead service of remembrance for the victims of the Falkland Island's campaign of 1982. Lieutenant-Colonel P.L. Bancroft, Commandant, presided.

Service dinner

216 Squadron
Wing Commander David Vass, Officer Commanding, 216 Squadron, presided at a dinner held last night at RAF Brize Norton as part of a weekend of celebrations to mark the 75th anniversary of the formation of the squadron. Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Knight was a guest speaker.

Birthdays

Today is The Queen's official birthday.

Today
Professor Michael Adler, venereologist, 54; Miss Brigid Brophy, author, 64; Mr George Bush, former American President, 69; Mr C.D.L. Clark, publisher and lawyer, 60; Mr John Copley, opera producer, 60; the Earl of Cromartie, 45; Sir Peter Froggatt, former vice-chancellor, The Queen's University, Belfast, 65; Lady Herries of Terregles, racehorse trainer, 55; Sir Kenneth Hollings, former High Court judge, 75; Mr Pat Jennings, footballer, 48; Mr Peter Jones, actor, 73; Lord Justice Kennedy, 58; Viscount Knollys, 62; Mr Oliver Knussen, composer, 41; Lord McCluskey, 64; Dr Ernest Mario, former chief executive, Glaxo Holdings, 55; Lord Mayhew, 78; the Very Rev Dr R. Selby Wright, Minister Emeritus of the Canongate, Edinburgh, 85.

Tomorrow
Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, royal equerry, 72; Sir Reginald Doyle, HM Chief Inspector of Fire Services, 64; Professor Inga-Stina Ewbank, professor of English literature, 61; Lord Finsberg, 67; Sir Maxwell Harper Gow, former chairman, Christian Salvesen, 75; Mr Gwynne Howell, opera singer, 55; Lord Hylton, 61; Mr Tom King, CH, MP, 60; Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards, Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, 60; Mr Malcolm McDowell, actor, 50; Sir Peter Marychurch, former director, GCHQ, 66; Mr Michael Melluish, former president, MCC, 61; Dr Barbara Reynolds, lexicographer, 79; Colonel Sir John Ruggles-Brise, former Lord Lieutenant of Essex, 85; Dr Bertram Schofield, former Keeper of Manuscripts, British Museum, 97; Mr Peter Scudamore, jockey, 35; Mrs Mary Whitehouse, president, National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, 83; Mr Andreas Whittam Smith, editor, *The Independent*, 56.

University news

University of Bristol
The 1993 Annual General Meeting of Convocation, at which the election of representatives of Convocation on Court will take place, will be held on Saturday, July 17, 1993 at 10.30am in the Tyndall Lecture Theatre, H.H. Wills Physics Building, Tyndall Avenue, BS8 1TL. All graduates of the University are welcome to attend. Further information and the current Convocation Booklet may be obtained from Dr M.J. Crossley Evans, Clerk to Convocation, University of Bristol, Senate House, Bristol, BS8 1TH.

Dinner

Feltmakers' Company
Alderman Sir Hugh Bidwell, Lord Mayor *locum tenens*, and Lady Bidwell, accompanied by the Sheriffs, were entertained at dinner last night at Guildhall by Mr Brian Burgess, Master of the Feltmakers' Company, Mrs Burgess, the Wardens and their ladies. Sir Hugh presented the Feltmaker Award for 1993 to Miss Louise Wood of the London College of Fashion. Field Marshal Lord Bramall also spoke.

Reception

Hawthornden Prize for Literature
The Hawthornden Prize for 1993 was presented by Professor John Bayley to Mr Andrew Barrow for his novel *"The Tap Dancer"* at a reception given on Tuesday evening at the National Portrait Gallery.

Service reception

Lord Newall
Lord Newall was host at a reception held yesterday at the House of Lords for members of the Indian Cavalry Officers Association and their ladies.

Church services tomorrow

First Sunday after Trinity

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 S Euch, (Our Lady Undercroft); 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis in D (Mozart), Behold how good and joyful (Vann), Rt Rev M T Ball; 3.15 E, Responses (Walsh), Weelkes for five voices, O beatus Trinitas (Palestrina); 6.30 BS for Thanet Deanery, Rev B W Pearson.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 S Euch, Allegro (Haydn), Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn), Marche (Haydn), Canon David Ellis; 3 E, Locus iste (Bruckner), Responses (Smith), Collegium Regale (Howells), I was glad (Parry), Sonata in G (Elgar), Very Rev Stephen Smalley; 6.30 NP, Mr Leslie Soumphrey.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion, Canon Paul Brett; 11.15 M, Responses (Smith), Britten in C & E flat, Hymn to the Trinity (Tchaikovsky), Canon Barry Thompson; 6 Choral E, Responses (Smith), Stainer in B flat, I saw the Lord (Stainer), The Provost.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany (St Erasmus Chapel); 8 HC; 10 Choral M, Stanford in C, Rev Helen Chantry; 11.30 Choral Euch, Schubert in G; 2 County Scout Service; 3.30 Choral E, Responses (William Smith of Durham), Faux Bourdon (Morley), God so loved the world (Stainer); 6.30 E, Rev Dr John Roskilly.

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.15 M, Responses (Clucas), Festival Te Deum (Britten), Jubilate Deo (Walton), The Lord is my Shepherd (Berkeley), Canon Hodgson; 11.30 HC, Ireland in C, Tibi laus (Philips), Canon Perry; 2 Girls' Brigade Centenary Service, Rev Terence Hurst; 3.30 E; 5.30 Organ Recital, John Cotterill.

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Jubilate in A (Stanford), The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar), Organ, Final from Symphony No 6 (Widor), Ven R S Dell, Archdeacon Emeritus of Derby; 3.45 In Praise of Creation Festival E, Preces (Lloyd), Collegium Regale (Howells), The heavens are telling (Haydn), Organ: Toccata in F (Bach), The Lord Bishop; 6.30 Taize style worship, Bishop Michael SSF.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP; 10.30 Civic Service, Hallelujah (Handel), The Lord Mayor's Chaplain; 4 Choral E, Responses (Ayleward), Canticles, The Fourth Service (Batten), Hymn to the Trinity (Tchaikovsky); 6 St John's Ambulance Service, Rt Rev Michael Mann.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 Family Service, Come down O love divine (Harris), The Dean; 11.15 S Euch, Missa Brevis in D (Mozart), The Dean; 3.45 E, Responses (Smith), Stanford in C, Lord thou hast been our refuge (Bairstow), Scherzo in G minor (Bossi), Very Rev Dr B D Jackson.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & Litany; 8 Holy Euch, Ven R H Roberts; 9 Parish Euch, Ven R H Roberts; 11 S Euch, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Creed (Merbecke), Blessed angel-spirits (Tchaikovsky), Rev S P Kirk; 12.15 HC (Lady Chapel); 3.30 E, Second Service (Leighton), I would be true (Howells); 6.30 Parish E, Rev Boon-Hor Khoo.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), And I saw a new heaven (Bairstow), Locus iste (Bruckner), Canon Roy White; 3 E, Magdalen Service (Leighton), Evening Hymn (Balfour Gardiner), Canon Barbara Wollaston.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Darke in F, Rev D C Goodman; 11.30 M, Responses (Barnes), Britten in E & C, Lauds (Dyson); 3 E, The Westminster Service (Howells), Let the people praise thee (Mathias), Very Rev R Lewis.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M; 11 Civic Service, Turn back O man (Holst), Rev Dr John Tudor; 3 E, Responses (Clucas), St Paul's Service (Howells), Faire is the heaven (Harris), Rev Dr Martin Eggleton; 5.45 Organ Recital, Scott Farrell; 6.30 ES, Rev Paul Ferguson.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12.15, 5.30, 7 Mass; 10.30 SM Mass in D (Dvorak), Ave Maria (Mendelssohn), Panis angelicus (Franck), Combat de la vie (Messiaen); 10 MP; 2.30 Organ Recital, Iris Schollhorn; 3.30 V & B (English).

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, Stanford in C, O taste and see (Vaughan Williams), Ven Leslie Stanbridge; 11.30 M, Responses (Smith), Sumsion in G; 4 E, Collegium Regale (Howells), Lord I call upon thee (Bairstow), Rev L Carberry.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 8 Holy Euch; 11 M, Responses (Clucas), Jubilate & Te Deum (Ireland in F), Ubi Caritas (Duruflé), The Dean; 3.30 E.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 6, 8, 10 (Children's Service), 6 LM; 11.30 HM, O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Ubi Caritas (Duruflé), Fr Anthony Barratt.

ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8 HC, The Minister; 10 HC, Short Mass (Burgon), The Minister; 11.30 MS, Lift up your heads ye gates (Gibbons), The Minister; St Giles' at 6, Dunblane High School Orchestra; 8 Ordination by Presbytery.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Holmes), Te Deum & Benedictus (Gibbons), The Dean; 11.30 HC, Hymn to the Trinity (Tchaikovsky), Collegium Regale (Howells); 3.15 E, Gray in F minor, Alleluia laudate pueri (Jackson), Piece Heroique (Franck), Ven George Cassidy.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 Sung Communion; 11 Choral Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Almighty God (Farrar), Rev David Shepherd; 6.30 E.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina), My Shepherd is the living Lord (Tomkins), The Vicar; 6 E & B, Purcell in G minor, Turn Thee unto me O Lord (Boyce), Rev C L Geake.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Communion Service, Preb Richard Bewes; 6.30 Rev Stephen Wookey.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev James Schmidt.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11, Missa l'hora passa (Viadana), Holy, holy, holy (Tchaikovsky), Agnus Dei (Morley).

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 M, Scio enim quod redemptor (Lassus), Rev P Elvy; 6 E, Organ: Prelude in G (Gibbons).

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, Fr Anthony Meredith, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 SM, Missa Brevis in B flat (Mozart), Sicut Cervus (Palestrina), Jesu dulcis memoria (Shepherd).

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Rev Tom Gillum; 11 Informal Service, (Creche & Children's Church), Rev Sandy Millar; 6.30 Informal Service, Rev Sandy Millar.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Jubilate Deo (Gabrieli), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, Jesu dulcis memoria (attrib Victoria).

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 Morning Service, Rev Paul Hulme.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, Rev David Cruise; 6.30, Rev Dr R John Tudor.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev Ronald T Englund; 7 Lutheran Choral V, Violin Sonatas in D & A (Handel), Rev Dr James D Schmidt.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M, Responses (Ayleward), Short Service (Causton), Tibi laus (Philips), The Rector; 6.30 E, Responses (Ayleward), Short Service (Causton), This is my commandment (Tallis).

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Jubilate, Child in B flat, Stanford in A, The Lord is my shepherd (Berkeley), Canon John Oates; 6.30 Choral E, Responses (Morley), Stanford in B flat, Magnificat from the Vespers (Monteverdi), Canon John Oates.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 9, 12.15 HC; 11 MP, Stanford in C, Declare his honour (Purcell), Rev A T R Goode.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev Eleanor J McMahon; 6.30 Rev John H McIndoe.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Ireland in C, Faire is the heaven (Harris), Very Rev John McCarthy.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 10.30 Mp & HC, Ireland in F, Lord we beseech thee (Batten), Finale, Sonata Britannica (Stanford), Rev Sheila Watson; 6.30 E, Let all the world (Leighton), Carillon Op 7 No 4 (Dupré), Lord Wilson of Tillyorn.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family Communion; 11 S Euch, Ireland in C, The Lord is my Shepherd (Berkeley), Rev Tom Devonshire Jones.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11.15 Abbey Euch, Darke in F, Dum complerentur (Palestrina), Rev Jonathan Goodall.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, The Vicar; 11.30 Visitors to London Service, Rev Bernhard Schunemann; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev Gilbert Lee; 5 Choral E; 6.30 ES, Rev John Pridmore.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7.30 LM; 11 HM, Missa brevis (Fletcher), Fr Brian Horne; 6 SE, Procession of the Blessed Sacrament & Solemn B, Evening Canticles in G minor (Purcell), Fr Augustine Hoey.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), Gloria (Merbecke), Teach us good Lord (Hobson), Rev Sally Webster; 6 E, Prayer & Meditation.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Petre Ego (Lobo), Sicut Servus (Palestrina), Rev Richard McLaren; 6.30 EP.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral M followed by HC, The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth (Thalben-Ball), Responses (Ayleward), Thalben-Ball in B flat, For lo I raise up (Stanford).

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Missa Sancti Petri (Wilson), Greater love hath no man (Ireland), O come hither (Greene), Rt Rev Hugh Montefiore.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 Solemn Euch, Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn), Rev Desmond Tillyer.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 Solemn Mass & Corpus Christi Procession, Missa Solemnis in B flat minor (Bruckner), Panis Angelicus (Franck), Canon Peter Pilkington; 6 EP.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley), Bishop of London.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Short Service (Gibbons), Angel Spirits (Tchaikovsky); 3.30 E, O let me tread (Ward), Arnold in A, Hail gladdening light (Wood).

CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 M, Responses (Gibbons & Barnard), Te Deum (Chant), Jubilate (Farrant), Corpus Christi Carol (Platt), Canon J G M W Murphy.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 11 S Euch, Little Organ Mass (Haydn), Ave verum corpus (Mozart), Rev Richard Marsh.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M, Te Deum (Vaughan Williams in G), Justorum animae (Stanford), The Chaplain; 12.30 HC.

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Responses (Reading), Collegium Regale (Howells), Sowerby in B flat, Organ, Trumpet Tune (Stanley), The Master.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, Deliver us O Lord our God (Batten), There is an old belief (Parry), Red Square Review (Rycroft), The Scots Guards, The Chaplain: 12 HC.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: Services resume June 20.

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When you turn to God with all your heart and soul and act in total obedience to him, then he will turn to you: he will hide his face from you no longer.
Tobit 13 : 6

BIRTHS

BEHARD - On 7th June, to Carola (née Gandy) and Paul, a son, David Nicolas.

CHODY - On June 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Mandy (née Keene) and John, a precious son, Jake Samuel, a brother for Katie.

DUNN - On June 8th 1993, to Annabel (née Stephenson) and Paul, a son, Toby John Henry.

GIBBS - On 6th June in Basle, Switzerland, to Toni (née Milsted) and Jonathan, a son, Edward Jonathan Philip, a brother for Harriet.

HASLAM - On June 10th, to Jean (née Farquharson) and Guy, a daughter, Anna Lucy Victoria, a sister for Kirsty.

McEWAN - On June 8th, to Clare (née Cowper) and Andrew, a beautiful daughter, Flora Anne.

NORRIS - On June 9th at the Wellington Hospital, to Sarah and Paul, a son, Joseph Henry.

ROLLESTON - On 10th June, in New York, to Paula (née Hains) wife of Humphry, a son (James Matthew).

THRELFALL - On 10th June at St Thomas' Hospital, to Buff (née Sprague), wife of George, a son, William George Valentine, a brother for Edward.

TOTTLE - On May 31st, Perth, Western Australia, to Melanie and Paul - a son Sebastian John. A brother for Simon and Felicity.

TURNER - On June 10th, Hector, a son to Fiona and Christopher, a brother to Arabella.

WEBSTER - On June 7th, to Siân (née Phillips) and Bruce, a beautiful baby son, Toby George Alexander.

BIRTHS

WILSON - On 10th June 1993, at Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion, Edinburgh, to Elizabeth (née Colwell) and Grant, a daughter, Melissa Hope Colwell Wilson.

MARRIAGES

RALPH:WARD - On 5th June 1993 at Sedgley Parish Church, David, son of Mr & Mrs Michael Ralph, to Lesley, daughter of Mr & Mrs Robert Ward.

DEATHS

BARR - On June 9th 1993, peacefully after a long and full life, Peter Joachim, aged 87, dearly loved husband of Ingrid and father of Helen, Derek and Vivien and a loving grandfather. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium on Thursday 17th June at 3pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to Shelter, 88 Old Street, London EC1V 9HU or Age Concern.

BLAGG - On June 10th, Venetia Sybil, at home, peacefully and with relief. Cremation at Porchester Crematorium (between Fareham and Portsmouth) 12.45 Monday 14th June. Flowers to Pink & Sons, Bishops Waltham, Hants. You won't be forgotten.

DUNN - Vida of Bromley, Kent. Beloved wife of Geoffrey Edward Dunn, died peacefully on 10th June 1993 in hospital. Cremation service at Beckenham Crematorium at 3.30 pm, Wednesday 16th June. No flowers by request.

DEATHS

GILLMOR - On June 11th, peacefully in St Albans City Hospital, after a short illness, Gerald Arthur Fitzwilliam, aged 94 years, much loved husband of Veronica and father of Philip and Robert. Funeral service and interment of ashes at St Albans Abbey Cathedral on Wednesday 16th June at 12.30pm. By request family flowers only, donations in lieu may be sent for The Runcie Macmillan Cancer Appeal c/o Phillips Funeral Services, 68 Alma Road, St Albans.

HOPEWELL - On June 8th, 1993, Hilda Evelyn aged 95, youngest daughter of the late George and Maria Hopewell, of Granby, Nottingham. Devoted aunt to her nephews and nieces.

JELLEY - On June 9th 1993, Philip. Requiem Mass at St Winefred's Church, Neston, Cheshire, on Monday June 14th at 9 am. Requiescat in Pace.

MUSSABINI - On 24th May, Gladys Victoria, last surviving child of the late Emma and S.A. (Sam) Mussabini. Enquiries (081) 769-5181.

O'MAHONY - Dr. Patrick Noel, on June 10th in hospital and after a short illness. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead, London E11, on Wednesday 16th June at 11 o'clock. Enquiries to Bryan O'Connor & Co. tel: (071) 407-2643.

VERMES - On 10th June, peacefully at home after a long illness, Pamela, beloved wife and collaborator of Geza Vermes, mother of Christina and Anna. "Nevertheless I am with You always" (Psalm 73:23).

IN MEMORIAM – WAR

HORNIMAN - Everlasting memory of John Knox Ernstie, killed in action 12th/13th June 1941.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

BROOKE - M.W.P. March 31st 1921 - June 13th 1962. In everlasting memory of my beloved Michael. Thou hast my heart, my spirit and my soul. Come for me soon, my dearest love, and make me whole again. Pamela.
'Oh, death, rock me to sleep: bring on my quiet rest. Let pass my very guiltless ghost out of my careful breast.' (Circa 1536).

BRUCE - The Hon. Bernard Bruce M.C., on his Birthday remembered with fond love. Mary.

DUNN - Douglas Roland died tragically in Sahara Desert 12th June 1992. Remembered always.

GREEN - Mary-Jean Mitchell Green born May 26th, 1951 died May 11th, 1990 aged 38. In loving memory of Mary-Jean deeply missed and loved by Peter, Alexander and Andrew.

HARLE - In ever loving memory of Carola Sybil Mary who died on June 13th 1971. Jimmy.

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OBITUARIES

ARLEEN AUGER

Arleen Auger, American soprano, died in the Netherlands of brain cancer on June 10 aged 53. She was born in Los Angeles on September 13, 1939.



IN JULY 1986 Arleen Auger reached a television audience estimated at 500 million when she sang Mozart's "Exultate, jubilate" at the wedding of Prince Andrew to Sarah Ferguson in Westminster Abbey. Parallels were drawn with Kiri Te Kanawa's contribution at the marriage of Prince Charles. But to Arleen Auger it was just another — if surprising — engagement. The next day she was off to America for a concert. Just who prompted the choice has not been disclosed, but it is likely to have been the Abbey's organist, Simon Preston.

Six years later she again reached a vast television public. The occasion this time was the live telecast of the performance in Vienna of Mozart's *Requiem Mass* to commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of the composer's death. Solti was the conductor and Auger his chosen soprano. She was at the time beginning to feel the first hints of illness and performed under some stress. Cancer was diagnosed soon afterwards. Once again the Mozart *Requiem* had provided a warning.

Arleen Auger, though, was never one to pursue the mass audience. On the contrary. She was a connoisseur's soprano, drawing full houses to her recitals at the Wigmore Hall and elsewhere. But she never appeared at Covent Garden or at Glyndebourne. In Britain she was probably best known to record collectors. She made some 170 recordings, for the major labels and for those whose distribution is strictly limited. She won quantities of prizes and her final record of the Mörike Lieder (Hyperion) picked up both the Edison and the Deutscher Schallplatten awards.

Arleen Auger grew up in Huntingdon Beach, California. Her French name derived from her father's French-Canadian stock; her mother's family had emigrated from Sutton, in Surrey, at the turn of the century. She studied voice and violin at California University. In her mid twenties, after a few professional performances in her home state, she won a competition to study in Vienna. The prize was connected to the Volksoper but it was in fact the Staatsoper — and the veteran conductor Karl Böhm — who spotted her.

She made her debut at the State Opera in 1967 as the Queen of the Night in *Die Zauberflöte*, replacing an indisposed Lucia Popp. Böhm nurtured her career and chose her as his Constanze when he recorded Mozart's *Die Entführung* in 1974 for DG, which remains one of the best available versions. She was engaged by the Vienna State Opera and remained there as a company member for seven years, singing leading soprano roles such as the Marschallin in *Der Rosenkavalier* and the Countess in *Figaro*.

Arleen Auger became regarded as an "Austrian" soprano, appearing at the Salzburg Festival, although she arrived in Vienna speaking not one word of German and with a knapsack of a mere four or five familiar arias on her back. Within a few years she was being acclaimed for her natural handling of the German language. Just why there was this affinity for a girl whose roots were Canadian and south London remains an unanswered question. But Vienna continued to course through her veins.

On stage she was considered a Mozart specialist, with Monteverdi later added. But it was a Handel composition which first brought her major attention in London. The occasion was a performance of *Alcina* at the Spitalfields Festival in 1985, which was later recorded by EMI. The Auger Alcina was also heard in Paris, Geneva and her native Los Angeles. It displayed admirably the exceptional flexibility of her soprano.

However, Arleen Auger was already tired of the opera house routine with its lack of rehearsal and instant appearances. She had no complaints about the gypsy life of the international singer, once remarking that home was the next hotel bedroom. But she did have strong views about meddling producers and indifferent conductors. She became increasingly picky about where she worked and with whom. She was also concerned with over-association with the 18th-century repertoire. Her later Lieder recitals drew heavily on composers such as Wolf and Berg.

On questions of musical style she was remarkably flexible. She worked extensively with the leading advocates of original instruments, including Chistopher Hogwood and Arnold Ostman, but was equally happy with conductors, such as Solti and Abbado, who were searching for a totally different sound. She recorded the Mozart C Minor Mass with both Hogwood and Leonard Bernstein, whose views of the work do not exactly coincide.

She had a music professorship in Frankfurt, which she gave up close to the time she was divorced from her German husband-manager.

Through quantities of recordings Arleen Auger's clean-cut, infinitely flexible soprano will live on. Tonight's BBC2 programme *My War Years: Arnold Schoenberg* contains her final musical contribution. But the next time the Harrods' commercial is heard on television the voice will also be that of Arleen Auger — and the opera is Handel's *Rinaldo*.

JOHN ATYEO

John Atyeo, former Bristol City and England centre forward, died of a heart attack on June 9 aged 61. He was born at Dilton, Wiltshire, on February 7, 1932.



ONE OF the few players from the lower divisions to have represented England, John Atyeo was a West Country folk hero. He made 597 appearances for Bristol City between June 1951 and May 1965 and scored 315 goals.

Atyeo represented his country six times in 1956 and 1957 and scored a memorable goal in injury time in the World Cup qualifying match in May 1957 to earn England a 1-1 draw at Dalymount Park against Ireland. Tom Finney provided the centre and Atyeo headed the ball home.

He played for England at all international levels (except schoolboy): the youth, the under-23 and B sides. He also represented the Football League. Atyeo also played rugby at county level.

He played through an era of aggressive but skilful centre forwards. He was an extremely powerful goal-scoring machine who withstood the close attentions of defenders and relished tough tackling. He asked no quarter and gave none. His height gave him the ability to score many spectacular goals with his head.

Atyeo came to notice playing for Westbury United and joined Portsmouth as an amateur in 1950. He did not score in his only two appearances.

While playing for Portsmouth he studied to become a surveyor, but he later went to teacher training college and during much of his 15 seasons as a professional with Bristol City he combined the two roles. He won a Third Division South medal with City in 1955. He captained the side in 1964-65, scored a goal in the 2-0 defeat of Oldham Athletic that ensured promotion to the Second Division and then decided to hang up his boots.

Atyeo was a quiet but very decisive man. The fact that he never moved from Bristol City in search of more fame and fortune and, perhaps, international caps, had a lot to do with his West County origins.

Atyeo was at Ashton Gate for Bristol City's final game of last season. When he made a draw at half-time during a recent match the ovation lasted for most of the interval.

MAJOR SIR JOHN PELLY, Bt

Major Sir John (Alwyn) Pelly, 6th Bt, JP, DL, landowner and farmer, died on June 1 aged 74. He was born on September 11, 1918.

JOHN PELLY had grazing rights on West Ham football ground but, fortunately for all concerned, thought better of trying to take his cattle through the turnstiles. His forebears had once owned the land and, although it had long been disposed of, the title which went with it, Lord of the Manors of East Ham, West Ham and Burnells with Plaistow, still obtains.

The baronetcy goes back to 1840 when it was created for John Henry Pelly, governor of the Bank of England and a director of the East India Company. John Pelly was born in Dorset, where the family then lived and where he was sent to Canford School. From there he went to the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, where he was a "triple blue," representing the college at rugby, boxing and athletics. Commissioned into the Coldstream Guards in 1938, he was posted to Egypt with the 3rd Battalion and fought between 1940 and 1942 in the Western Desert. Along with many others from the battalion, however, he was then captured at the fall of Tobruk and spent the next three years at prison camps in Italy, Czechoslovakia and Germany. Amateur dramatics helped to while away the time.

In 1947 he commanded the escort to the colour at the first king's birthday parade following the war, when the colour of the 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards was trooped — with all the footguards still in khaki battledress. Then in the following year he was in charge of No 8 guard when they were all back in their scarlet and bearskins.

Before 1948 was out he was back in action in Malaya fighting communist insurgents in the jungle during the Malayan emergency. After two years, however, his battalion returned to this country and Pelly retired from the Army. His five-year old marriage was also dissolved that year and Pelly emigrated to Southern Rhodesia — as it then was. There he remarried and took a succession of jobs including owning a stone quarry at one stage, before settling down as a farmer, concentrating on growing tobacco and citrus fruits.

He returned to Britain with his family in 1961, when his father turned over to him the Hampshire estate originally purchased by a great-uncle. For the rest of his working life Pelly farmed the 2,000 acres of his inheritance, including England's oldest herd of pedigree Jersey cows. He did so with considerable success, after spending a year at the Royal Agricultural College. He won a number of championships with his cattle at the Royal Show and worked in close co-operation with the Royal Herd of Jerseys based at Windsor. A number of the Queen's beasts have the name of Pelly's estate, Preshaw Park, in their pedigrees, reflecting the recent history of cross-breeding.



The Preshaw herd has now largely been dispersed, however, and the 1,500 or so remaining acres of the estate have since been converted to mainly arable use.

Pelly entered public life in Hampshire, becoming a Justice of the Peace in 1968, High Sheriff in 1970-71, and a Deputy Lieutenant for the county in 1972. He was an accomplished skier, who was still skiing in his seventies, and was an even better shot — he took great pride in the fine pheasant shoot at Preshaw.

He was a lively, humorous man who retained to the end a strong sense of duty, responsibility and family pride. He succeeded his father as the 6th baronet in 1981.

His life had its share of sadness and disappointments. Two of the three daughters born to his second wife, Hazel, died in infancy and she herself died in 1987. Three years ago, however, he met again his first wife Barbara, then also a widow, they married for a second time and enjoyed a happy three years together. He is survived by her and by one daughter of his second marriage. The title has passed to his nephew, Richard Pelly.

PROFESSOR RONALD PEACOCK

Ronald Peacock, Professor of German at the universities of Leeds, 1939-45, Manchester, 1945-62, and at Bedford College, London, 1962-75, died on June 1 aged 85. He was born on November 22, 1907.



RONALD PEACOCK occupied a unique place in German studies for a good part of this century. As an analyst of developments in German literature against the broad panorama of European art and society over the last three centuries, he found readers far beyond the confines of university departments of German and beyond the shores of the British Isles where he spent most of his life.

Peacock was never a narrow specialist. From the beginning of his career, when he took a double first in French and German at the University of Leeds in 1929, right through to his last major book, *Criticism and Personal Taste* (1972), he viewed German literature in the context of other literatures, and literature as an art in the context of other arts. Unlike many academic literary critics, he wrote books that spoke to non-specialists as well as specialists.

In 1934 he published one of the first books about the impact of the first world war on German literary production: *The Great War in German Lyrical Poetry*. He studied in Berlin, Innsbruck and Marburg where he took a doctorate in German literature with one of the first theses ever written on Thomas Mann. In 1938 he wrote the first major study of Friedrich Hölderlin to appear in English.

In 1931 he was appointed to an assistant lectureship at Leeds. At the early age of 32 he succeeded to the chair of German. In 1945 he was elected to the Henry Simon Chair of German at Manchester University. He was elected to his last chair in 1962, at Bedford College, London. He was elected a fellow of Bedford College in 1981.

Invited in 1947 to take the chairmanship of the department of German at Princeton University, he declined this and all other invitations to leave England for prestigious long-term appointments, preferring to accept only visiting professorships abroad, such as those at Cornell (1949), Heidelberg (1960) and Freiburg (1965 and 1967-68).

He rendered great services to many university boards and committees. He also served for many years on the committee of the Modern Humanities Research Association, which elected him its president for 1983. His presidential address on "Drama and the Moral Connection" was an epitome of his urbanity and breadth of vision.

He received many honours, among them the J. G. Robertson Prize in 1942 for his book *Hölderlin* and the Gold Medal of the Goethe Institute awarded to him in Munich in 1969 for his book *Goethe's Major Plays*. In 1990, to mark his 80th birthday, a volume of essays by 24 scholars from all over the world, *Patterns of Change: German Drama and the European Tradition*, was published in his honour and presented to him. The topic of drama was chosen in tribute to his own pioneering works on drama, *The Poet in the Theatre* (1946) and *The Art of Drama* (1957).

Peacock distanced himself from what he saw as the snobbery of Oxbridge, but was equally impatient with the influx of mediocrity which accompanied the expansion of the academic profession in the 1960s. His lectures on the 18th century, on Goethe, and on modern European drama were planned with care and detail, but delivered with spontaneity and stylistic perfection. They challenged his students with a demand for quality beside the freedom to develop their own concepts and methods.

Music played an important part in Peacock's life. An accomplished pianist, he had seriously considered a career in the concert hall before settling for the life of a scholar. During his years in Manchester there was regularly music-making at home with friends, Beethoven and Schubert sonatas and trios being the favourites.

As dean of the Manchester arts faculty in 1954-55 and pro-vice chancellor, 1958-62, positions in which he took initiatives for change such as the establishment of a new department of drama (with an associated theatre) and the extension of the Whitworth Art Gallery and the department of art at the university, he was celebrated for performances of a different kind, often in symbiosis with the professor of French, Eugène Vinaver. These two master craftsmen of the spoken and written word engaged in a continuing dialogue which over several years raised the level of debate in faculty and senate to that of witty and elegant theatre. The letters exchanged on such unpromising topics as general degree requirements and library regulations could serve as a manual of rhetoric for present-day administrators.

The qualities that enlivened these debates made Peacock everywhere a welcome dinner guest, and spiced the inexhaustible fund of stories with which he would regale visitors long into his retirement.

Looking back to the Manchester of the 1940s and 1950s as the happiest part of his career, his reminiscences related in part to the galaxy of intellectual stars which graced the university at the time, but no less to the fog seeping in from Oxford Road; the coke fumes from the boiler in the Victorian terrace house which formed the German department; the goings-on visible through the windows of one of the brothels surrounding the building; or the corpse of the departmental charlady's husband, discovered one day in the seminar room, which had seemed to her a suitably elegant location for a laying-out. Taking up driving lessons only shortly before his retirement from Bedford College, he would jest about the first impression he had produced on his driving instructor: "You've left it very late, Mr Peacock!"

He met his wife, Ilse, when he was a young student in Marburg. They married in 1933. Throughout his long career, she was the centre of his life. He is survived by her.

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All the information which has come from South Africa since peace was signed supports the justice of the conclusion to which the Government and their advisers in that country would seem to have come. Two further despatches from the COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF are published this morning giving the statistics of fresh surrenders, and adding——as usual——particulars which show that the burghers and the soldiers are on the most friendly terms. When Britons, and Boers who have just laid down their arms, end the day with a camp concert where they sing "Auld Lang Syne" and "God save the KING" together there is evidently not much of the bitter spirit from which our prophets of evil at home complacently foretell unnumbered ills to the Empire. The reports are so uniform in their tenor that, were it not for the gratification with which we receive each fresh sign of the manly and generous temper in which our new fellow-subjects accept the situation, we might be content to wait for the detailed statement LORD KITCHENER promises us when the surrenders have been completed. COMMANDANT KEMP, who was in the small minority of the Boer leaders who were opposed to the acceptance of our terms, and who appears still fondly to imagine that he and his countrymen might have held out against us for another couple of years, is the last to endorse the assurance which we have heard so often, that the burghers are quite satisfied and harbour no ill-will against us. "I believe," he said, " we shall get on all right together." There is little doubt that we shall, if professional intriguers are firmly denied opportunities to ply their trade. The peace we have made is a peace which brave men can accept without shame——which the Boer chiefs can regard as MR. CHAMBERLAIN and LORD KITCHENER regard it, as a peace "honourable to both parties."

Klerksdorp, June 8.

After laying down their arms outside, the Boers of General Liebenberg's commando, headed by the General, rode into the town and paraded in the market square about sunset, looking fit and serviceable, most of them being stalwart men in good condition and with no sign of dejection observable in their demeanour. Those of the townspeople who knew any of the men of the commando fraternized with them freely, and some were recognized by soldiers who had fallen into their hands. The Boers are evidently well satisfied that the war is over. Some spoke anxiously about their future, but the pleasure of meeting their families again seemed to outweigh this feeling.

ON THIS DAY

June 12 1902

Few wars throughout the ages can have ended in such a spirit of reconciliation and goodwill as that against the Boers, after a protracted and costly struggle.

THE TIMES TODAY

SATURDAY JUNE 12 1993

NEWS

Troops on alert as pullout is urged

■ British troops were on high alert at their base in Vitez, hoping that Croat anger over the killing of two of their men would not result in renewed bloody confrontation.

MPs voiced growing concern about their safety and there were calls for their withdrawal. John Major promised reinforcements if the threats increased ..... **Pages 1, 19**

Major tells Tories: get back to basics

■ John Major fought back from the most turbulent week of his premiership yesterday with a passionate call to the Conservative Party to stop its internal feuding and to concentrate on winning back the support of the ordinary voter ..... **Pages 1, 2, 17**

Sisters freed

Two sisters jailed for the murder of Alison Shaughnessy had their convictions quashed yesterday after the Appeal Court criticised both the police and the role of the press in the case ..... **Pages 1, 3**

Lilley defends cuts

Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, defended plans to curb invalidity benefit and said he would not penalise those who were genuinely sick..... **Page 8**

Jails under pressure

Prison service managers are preparing to use former military camps to cope with a predicted upsurge in the jail population as a result of the government's retreat on the Criminal Justice Act..... **Page 7**

Extremist links

Security service experts say that a kind of Skinhead Internationale, linking European right-wing extremists, is helping to fuel the violence against Turks and other ethnic minorities in Germany. ..... **Page 15**

Fakes team disbands

A team of Dutch experts has abandoned a 25-year research project to decide which works among 630 attributed to Rembrandt are fakes..... **Page 7**

US ships on alert

An American aircraft carrier and three other ships with 2,200 Marines on board have been ordered to leave the Gulf and stand by for possible movement to Somalia ..... **Page 16**

Threat to Japan

North Korea was reported to have tested a new medium-range missile capable of striking most of the Japanese archipelago with chemical or nuclear warheads ..... **Page 17**

Stars lose out

The property slump has hit Hollywood and house prices in Beverly Hills, Malibu and Bel-Air have tumbled up to 40 per cent in three years. Celebrities such as Michael Fox and Cher could lose more than a million dollars on their investments..... **Page 16**

Birthday honours for troops

■ British soldiers serving in Bosnia, Sir Richard Attenborough, the film director, and Sir Yehudi Menuhin, the violinist, all receive high awards in the Queen's Birthday Honours. A life peerage goes to Robin Leigh-Pemberton, retiring Bank of England governor..... **Pages 1, 12, 13**

MARC ASPLAND



Role of honour: Thora Hird, the actress, who becomes a Dame in the Queen's Birthday Honours. Full list, pages 12 and 13

Trade fears: Import volumes are outstripping exports despite the devaluation of the pound and manufacturers are raising export prices rather than battling for increased market share ..... **Page 23**

Libyan talks: Air UK Engineering last night admitted it had held discussions about re-opening commercial relationships with Libyan Arab Airlines, a move which industry department officials warned would contravene United Nations sanctions..... **Page 23**

Back on the road: Seven hundred workers at the Leyland truck plant in Leyland, Lancashire yesterday toasted completion of the management buyout..... **Page 24**

Markets: Sterling ended the week mixed against leading currencies, rising .63 cents to $1.5240 but easing .42 pfennigs to DM2.4757. Shares rose slightly in modest trading, with the FT-SE closing 1.8 higher at 2,861.8 **Page 24**

Cricket: As the England selectors meet tonight to choose the side for the second Test against Australia at Lord's, Graham Gooch tells Alan Lee that the players "have to want to win as much as I do. No one should need motivating. It should mean everything" ..... **Page 44**

Athletics: John Regis, who equalled Linford Christie's 200 metres British record last season, has been training in California and is now "fitter, faster, nimbler and mentally stronger" ..... **Page 42**

Rugby Union: David Hands profiles Gavin Hastings, captain of the British Lions in New Zealand. "He radiates strength. His is the crushing tackle, the long kick, the boisterous run. He is a big man" ..... **Page 40**

Football: England failed miserably against the United States. Tomorrow they face the mighty Brazilians. Rob Hughes assesses their chances ..... **Page 43**

Gardens of the first water: In a double celebration of English water gardens, George Plumptre traces their development from ancient Egypt, and Geoffrey Jellicoe describes the garden he created in Wiltshire ..... **Pages 1, 7**

Holidays: Paul Hoggart took his young children to Euro Disney and its rival, Parc Asterix, and compares notes, while Nicholas Wapshott tries the new Disneyland attraction for the very young in California ..... **Page 2**

Food and drink: Frances Bissell takes us all outside for a good grilling over the barbecue; and in part seven of her guide to building a wine cellar, Jane MacQuitty recommends the whites to lay down..... **Page 5**

Bookmarker: Derwent May reviews the literary reviewers and provides an instant guide to what's hot and what's not in the book stores..... **Page 9**

Classics for the asking: *The Times* launches CD Direct today, a service which will enable readers to order selected, top-quality classical recordings at a specially reduced price.

Each month, *The Times* will focus on one conductor, instrumentalist or singer, and select four recent recordings for readers to order. There will be a profile of the chosen musician and introductions to the music on the CDs.

Today, the focus is on Mariss Jansons, the great Latvian musician who is principal conductor of the St Petersburg Philharmonic and principal guest conductor of the London Philharmonic. His music-making is "imbued with daring, yet executed with tremendous concern for detail and subtlety" Richard Morrison writes.

The discs feature performances of Berlioz, Dvorák, Prokofiev and Sibelius..... **Weekend page 14**

TV LISTS

Dudley Moore is profiled in *The South Bank Show* (ITV, tomorrow, 11.35pm)..... **Weekend, 17**

OPINION

In the course of duty

The West is nowhere near a coherent plan to protect the victims of the war in former Yugoslavia effectively. As for a settlement, it daily slips further from the reach of the most powerful alliance in the world. Courage on the ground is no substitute for clear thinking in chancelleries..... **Page 19**

In sickness and health

If a system that was designed to help the genuinely sick has, in fact, become an extension of the dole, this can only distort the intentions of the welfare state and, in the end, work against the interests of deserving claimants..... **Page 19**

Art and mart

The great Rembrandts are beyond millions and analysis..... **Page 19**

SIMON JENKINS

Fifty years ago, social reform was treated by politicians as a proper national debate. Today's review of the welfare state is treated as a by-product of the Treasury spending round, a Whitehall alley-fight..... **Page 18**

BARBARA AMIEL

If Canadian voters were given the choice between candidate X, Y, Z or None of the Above, then NOA would win by a landslide. What is going on in the West?..... **Page 18**

Why the cockle and winkle pirates must be stopped..... **Page 19**

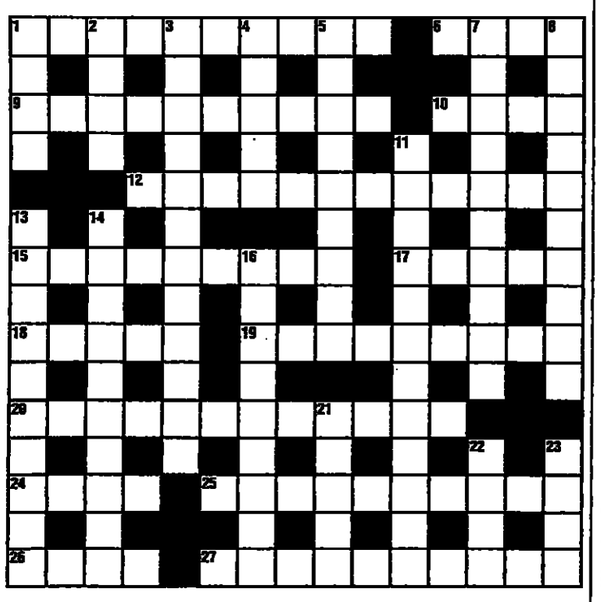
Illegal immigration is not just a problem of the US-Mexico borderlands... we need to get better control of our borders and ports of entry —*Los Angeles Times*

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,255

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A bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky uniquely bottled only when at its peak of perfection rather than at a pre-determined age, together with a beautifully crafted stationery rack, will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

Name/Address .....



ACROSS

1 Second mating so wrong for him? (10).
6 Mob was audibly triumphant (4).
9 British professor in US space programme (10).
10 Reported obstacle in way of constitutional progress (4).
12 Author of allegorical novel set in no man's land (6,6).
15 Is event of special sporting interest for some schoolboys? (4,5).
17 Burglar's only crime can be detected therein (5).
18 Scientist, one involved in medical success (5).
19 One, possibly, could be let in, much altered (5-4).
20 Drug and pill used by gymnast (8,4).
24 Experienced? Doesn't sound it (4).
25 I caught composer smashing instrument — look into it (10).
26 This wine was revolting (4).
27 Mint a coin like a sovereign (10).

DOWN

1 They might make maiden freeze (4).
2 He sailed when all the mates were aboard (4).
3 Valuable coat recovered using information about previous swindle (6,6).
4 Way pronouncement is made in the House (5).
5 Writer revealing extremes of Secret Service, almost (9).
7 People taking paper to get place in university (10).
8 Allowing alcohol to Afghan type who discourages spirits (3,7).
11 Befuddled by ales, rather, as this will show (12).
13 One who makes the running, securing end of strife (10).
14 Press one's suit and straighten out formal attire (5,5).
16 Italian gentleman played card designed to secure two hearts (9).
21 Past leader of Romantics, one with no end of verse in him (5).
22 King in ecstasy? That's funny (4).
23 Deliver cards in Kentish Town (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,249

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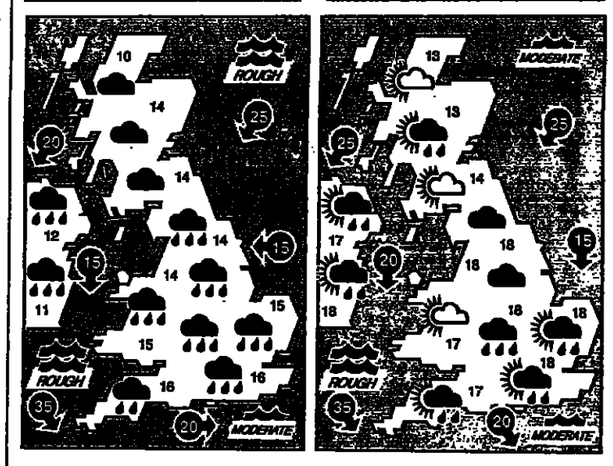
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The winners of last Saturday's competition are: B Coates, Lauderdale Road, London; M W Grimes, Overton Drive, Wanstead, London; Dr F H C Marriott, Long Close, Woodstock, Oxon; S J Bailey, Devonshire Road, Sutton, Surrey; D Howard, The Green, Hutton-Le-Hole, N Yorks.

Early rain, heavy over Northern Ireland, Wales and the South West will clear southwestwards. Brighter conditions over northern Scotland will spread across the rest of Scotland, into Northern Ireland and northern England later. East coasts will be cloudy with drizzle. Southeast, central and southern England will have rain at first, becoming brighter. Outlook: dry and sunny on Sunday, rain spreading from the West to all areas on Monday.



Information supplied by Met Office

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	24	75	f	Majorca	28	82	s
Akrotiri	29	84	s	Malaga	27	81	s
Alex'dria	26	79	t	Malta	31	88	s
Amst'dm	22	72	t	Melb'rne	12	54	c
Athens	27	81	s	Milan	26	79	c
Bahrain	35	95	s	Moscow	11	52	c
Bangkok	32	90	f	Munich	26	79	f
Barcelna	21	70	f	Nairobi	22	72	s
Beirut	25	77	s	Naples	27	81	f
Belgrade	32	90	s	N Delhi	40	104	s
Berlin	22	72	f	Nice	24	75	f
Borde'x	18	64	c	Oslo	21	70	s
Brussels	19	66	s	Paris	17	63	s
Budapst	26	79	c	Peking	19	66	f
Cairo	33	91	s	Perth	16	61	f
Ch'church	14	57	s	Prague	26	79	f
Cologne	21	70	f	Rhodes	27	81	s
C'phagn	23	73	s	Rio de J	20	68	r
Corfu	28	82	s	Riyadh	42	108	s
Dublin	11	52	r	Rome	26	79	f
Faro	23	73	s	Seoul	26	79	s
Florence	27	81	c	Sing'por	31	88	f
Frankfut	21	70	f	Stckholm	14	57	c
Funchal	18	65	c	Strasb'rg	18	64	r
Geneva	14	57	f	Sydney	16	61	s
Gibraltar	24	75	s	Tangier	21	70	s
Hong K	28	82	r	Tel Aviv	27	81	s
Innsbeck	28	82	f	Tenerife	22	72	f
Istanbul	24	75	s	Tokyo	25	77	c
Jeddah	36	97	s	Tunis	30	86	s
Karachi	34	93	f	Valencia	28	82	s
L.Palmas	22	72	f	Venice	28	82	s
Lisbon	20	68	c	Vienna	28	82	f
Locarno	20	68	f	Warsaw	28	82	f
Luxembg	17	63	f	Wel'rton	14	57	c
Luxor	37	99	s	Zurich	15	59	c

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Bristol 9.57 pm to 4.23 am
Edinburgh 10.29 pm to 3.57 am
Manchester 10.06 pm to 4.10 am
Penzance 10.02 pm to 4.42 am

TODAY

Sun rises: 4.43 am — Sun sets: 9.18 pm
Moon rises 12.48 am — Moon sets 1.22 pm
Last quarter 5.38am

London 9.48 pm to 4.13 am
Bristol 9.58 pm to 4.23 am
Edinburgh 10.29 pm to 3.57 am
Manchester 10.06 pm to 4.10 am
Penzance 10.03 pm to 4.42 am

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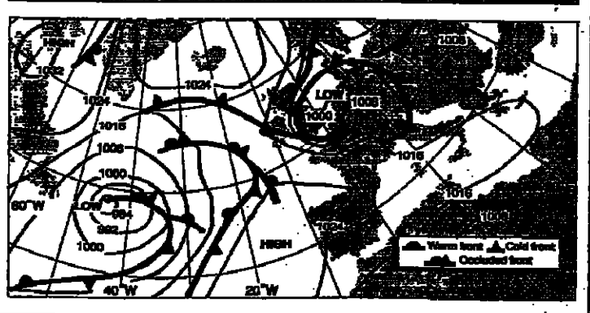
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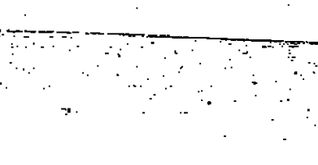
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Aberdeen	-	0.02	13	55	fog
Belfast	-	0.10	20	68	rain
Birmingham	4.5	0.09	23	73	thundr
Bognor Regis	0.5	0.03	21	70	cloudy
Bournemouth	3.2	0.06	20	68	shower
Bristol	3.4	0.02	23	73	bright
Cardiff	5.6	0.04	22	72	bright
Clacton	2.5	0.07	20	68	bright
Eastbourne	1.0	0.01	21	70	shower
Edinburgh	-	0.54	12	54	thundr
Falmouth	0.3	0.06	18	64	drizzle
Folkestone	3.0	0.01	23	73	bright
Glasgow	3.4	0.13	17	63	rain
Guernsey	-	0.24	21	70	cloudy
Hastings	3.0	0.02	20	68	cloudy
Isle of Man	2.7	0.13	20	68	thundr
Jersey	-	0.35	19	66	rain
Kinloss	0.3	0.21	16	61	rain
Leeds	1.0	0.08	22	72	shower
Littlehampton	0.2	0.10	20	68	shower
Liverpool	2.5	0.09	24	75	bright
London	0.6	0.02	23	73	thundr
Lowestoft	5.5	-	26	79	bright
Manchester	4.8	0.17	25	77	sunny
Margate	2.6	0.14	23	73	rain
Newcastle	-	0.02	15	59	shower
Newquay	0.8	0.05			x xdoudy
Plymouth	-	0.08	18	64	dull
Poole	3.2	0.15	21	70	cloudy
Sandown	3.4	-	21	70	cloudy
Scilly Isles	-	0.28	16	61	fog
Shanklin	2.6	-	20	68	cloudy
Southend	0.4	0.01	24	75	cloudy
Southsea	2.1	0.03	21	70	shower
Stornoway	3.8	-	17	63	bright
Stranraer	2.9	0.11	20	68	shower
Teignmouth	1.0	0.30	17	63	dull
Tenby	4.6	0.02	21	70	cloudy
Tiree	2.7	0.56	15	61	rain
Torquay	2.6	0.31	20	68	cloudy
Weymouth	1.9	0.11	17	63	cloudy
Wick	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Worthing	0.3	0.01	19	66	cloudy

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

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Canada $	2.075	1.915
Denmark Kr	10.11	9.31
Finland Mkk	9.00	8.20
France Fr	8.94	8.14
Germany Dm	2.525	2.425
Greece Dr	353.00	328.00
Hong Kong $	12.44	11.44
Ireland Pt	1.07	0.99
Italy Lira	2365.00	2210.00
Japan Yen	179.50	160.50
Netherlands Gld	2.95	2.72
Norway Kr	11.09	10.29
Portugal Esc	248.25	228.25
South Africa Rd	6.25	5.35
Spain Pta	196.25	183.25
Sweden Kr	11.59	10.78
Switzerland Fr	2.35	2.17
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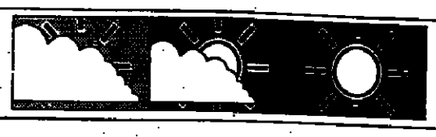
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Hastings prepares to lead Lions into battle



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John Regis on the challenge of a new season

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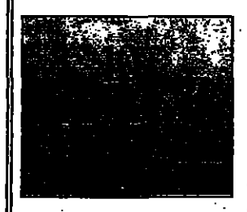
WEEKEND MONEY

RISK COVER



A Scarborough hotel toppling over a cliff has sparked questions about which disasters are likely to be covered by insurance
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OUTDATED



Rare Coin Investments has gone into receivership. Its collapse means clients may have lost money
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PAYING UP



The Rev Jay Lennard has finally been allowed to pay a bill that he was repeatedly told he did not owe
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SLOW PACE



A NatWest customer asks why it takes four working days to pay his Access bill via ActionLine
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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5240 (+0.0063)
German mark .... 2.4757 (-0.0042)
Exchange Index ..... 79.3 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2861.8 (+1.8)
Dow Jones . 3502.79 (+11.07)*
Nikkei Avge .. 20500.95 (+7.63)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank..... 5 15/16-5 13/16%
US Federal Funds..... 2 7/8%*
3-month Treas Bills. 3.08-3.05%*
Long Bond 6.82%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£/$ 1.5255*	£/$ 1.5245
$/DM ..1.6217*	£/DM 2.4773
$/SWfr..1.4495*	£/SWfr....2.2106
$/Fr ...5.4545*	£/Fr 8.3310
$/Yen .106.10*	£/Yen ...161.98
£/SDR ..1.0684	£/ECU ..1.2749

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 370.20 ..... PM 370.35
Close 370.70-371.10
New York:
Comex 370.75-371.25*

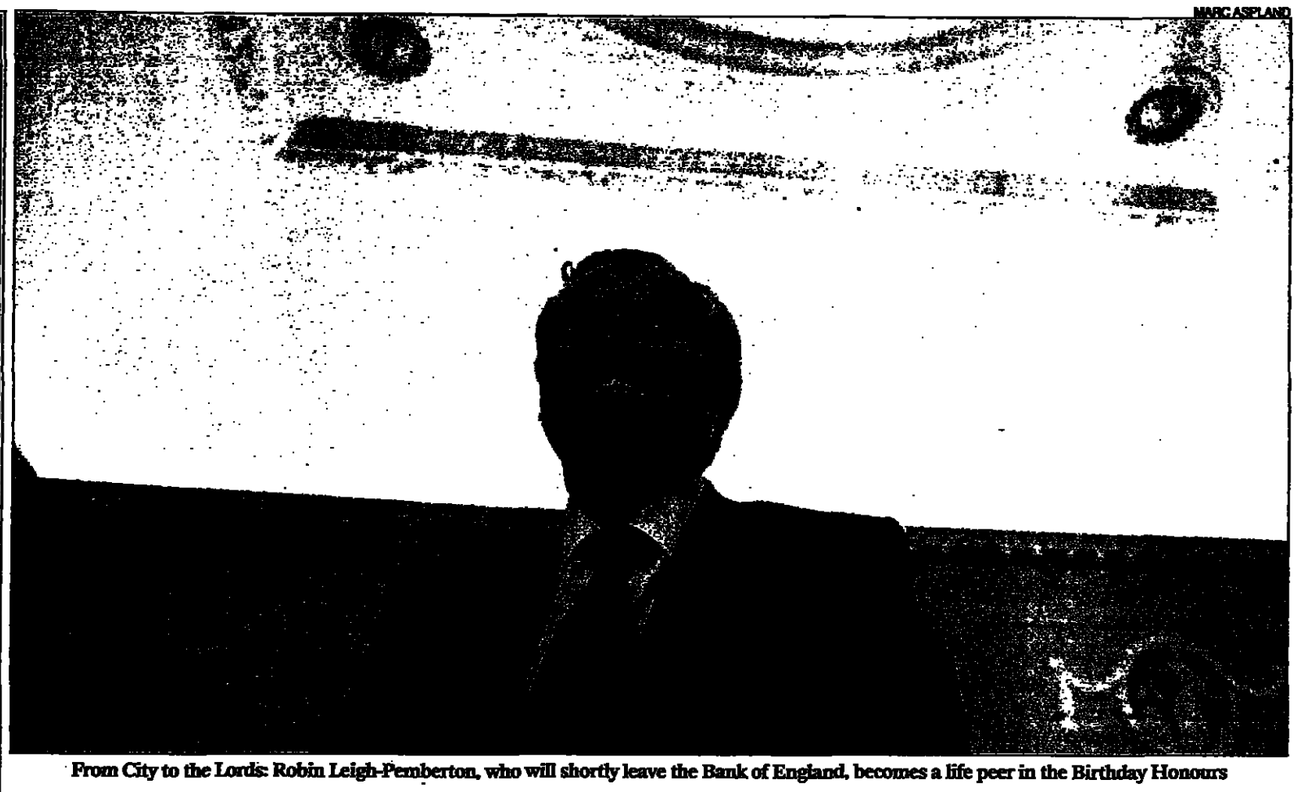
RETAIL PRICES

RPI.....140.6 April (1.3%)

* Denotes midday trading price

Portfolio Plus

The winners of the final Portfolio Plus game are K Jacobs, of Northfield, Birmingham; and R Bevan, of Adeyfield, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, who share £4,000.



From City to the Lords: Robin Leigh-Pemberton, who will shortly leave the Bank of England, becomes a life peer in the Birthday Honours

Trade deficit raises fears over export performance

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

LONG-AWAITED news of Britain's trade performance in the first quarter of this year sowed seeds of real concern, showing that import volumes are outstripping exports despite sterling's devaluation and that British manufacturers are raising export prices rather than battling for increased market share.

Britain recorded a seasonally adjusted visible trade deficit of £4.5 billion compared with a shortfall in the last quarter of 1992 of £4.35 billion — a deterioration, but a less serious one than many in the City had expected because British exporters had raised prices substantially. The quarterly deficit was still the highest since the second quarter of 1990.

The Central Statistical Office said the figures, which are preliminary and do not include monthly figures for January, February or March or an estimate of invisible earnings, are subject to much greater than usual revisions. Britain has not released any trade statistics with the European Community, accounting for about 60 per cent of trade, since the report in January of December's trade performance because of the need to switch to a new system of data collection to conform with the single European market.

The deficit on trade with the EC was estimated at £1.1 billion, a touch lower than the £1.13 billion shortfall in the fourth quarter of last year. However, given that the CSO said that the first quarter's figures were rounded to the nearest £100 million, the deficit may turn out either to be higher or lower.

What is worrying, however, is that the first-quarter figures showed that British manufacturers are tending to rebuild profit margins rather than use the advantage of sterling's depreciation to fight for increased export market share. The value of exports in the first quarter was up by 6 per cent compared with the previous quarter while the value of imports, normally pushed up most dramatically in the months after devaluation, rose by only 4 per cent.

In comparison, export volumes, excluding oil and erratic items and therefore the most accurate measure of underlying trends, rose by only 0.5 per cent between the two quarters while import volumes were up by about 3 per cent.

The clear implication is that Britain's trade performance would have been even less healthy if it had not been for British manufacturers raising prices. This builds profits in the short term but, in the longer term, means the competitive advantage from devaluation is quickly dissipated.

The stubborn strength of import volumes despite subdued domestic demand suggests that the deficit will deteriorate as the recovery gathers pace.

Full balance of payments figures, including invisible earnings, for the first quarter will be published on June 22.

☐ Fears of higher US interest rates receded with the news of unchanged producer prices in May, while weak retail sales during the same month suggest that the American economy remains subdued. The data sent the dollar lower in early New York trading.

Life peerage for Bank of England Governor

By Colin Narbrough

ROBIN Leigh-Pemberton, who steps down as Governor of the Bank of England at the end of this month, is the only standard-bearer of the City and industry among the four life peers created in today's Birthday Honours list.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton, underlining the protective approach he has taken to the Bank, said of the peerage that he saw it as "recognition of the bank as an institution as much as of myself".

His aristocratic bearing has long led many to assume, wrongly, that the former chairman of NatWest Bank must have been ennobled years ago. His role as Lord Lieutenant of Kent may have confused the picture. He was often accredited a knighthood by Fleet Street, again erroneously.

Although his appointment by Margaret Thatcher prompted questions in the City about his suitability as head of the nation's central bank, his ten years at Threadneedle Street have earned him considerable respect in the City. Despite being one of nature's Tories, the 66-year-old Mr Leigh-Pemberton has shown an independence of mind, especially during the politically sensitive preparatory work on European economic and monetary union. He has also provided an important lead in City efforts to ensure that London remains Europe's premier financial centre.

His diplomatic but critical style has not, however, kept him out of trouble during his time in the Bank. The Governor came under particular attack over the supervision of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, the biggest banking failure on record.

Knighthoods awarded to the captains of industry and commerce are more plentiful. Prominent among the new knights is Jim Birrel, the 60-year-old chief executive of the Halifax Building Society. From his professional beginnings as an accountant, Mr Birrel rose to become a leading figure of the mortgage lending industry, even heading its national council between 1988 and 1991.

Another accountant honoured with a knighthood is Robin Biggam, chairman of BICC, one of the world's leading cablemakers. A native Scot, he moved swiftly from Lanark Grammar School and accountancy training to an international career that led him through a broad swathe of British manufacturing industry from ICI to Dunlop. Michael Lickiss, senior partner at the accountancy firm Grant Thornton, is another accountant to be knighted for his services to the profession.

Concern that accountancy is already too dominant in British enterprise, to the detriment of other forms of expertise, will be tempered by the other names in the honours list. Knights created in other sectors included Ronald Miller, executive chairman of Dawson International, for his services to the textile industry, William Quigley, chairman of Ulster bank, and Gilbert Thomson, chief executive of Manchester Airport.

The financial press does not go unnoticed. Samual Brittan, chief economic commentator of the *Financial Times* has been given a knighthood to match that long sported by his brother, Sir Leon Brittan, the former trade secretary and current European commissioner. Louise Botting of BBC Radio's *Money Box* programme, has been awarded a CBE for her invaluable guidance on personal finance.

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QMH asset values may not cover debt

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

PROSPECTS for shareholders in Queens Moat Houses, the hotels group, are far bleaker than had been feared, City sources say, and estimates circulating suggest the shares could even be worthless.

QMH's bankers are now thought to have approved a standstill on debt repayments, a measure vital to the company's survival, following a request last month from a steering group of banks after a preliminary report from Grant Thornton, the accountant. No further details are expected before autumn, by which time the final review of QMH's financial affairs will have been prepared by Grant Thornton in conjunction with Coopers & Lybrand, the company's new auditor.

But it appears the main assets, the hotels, may have been overvalued to an even greater extent in the accounts than had been feared. They were valued at £1.9 billion, as against total debts of more than £1 billion when share dealing was halted in March.

When the first accountants' report was made public last month, speculation was that the assets could be overvalued by as much as £500 million, but it is now thought their true worth might not even match the debts. This would leave shareholders facing a dilutive debt swap arrangement to get any return on investments.

DTI warns Air UK on link with Libya

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

AIR UK Engineering last night admitted it had held discussions about re-opening commercial relationships with Libyan Arab Airlines, a move which industry department officials warned would contravene United Nations sanctions against Libya.

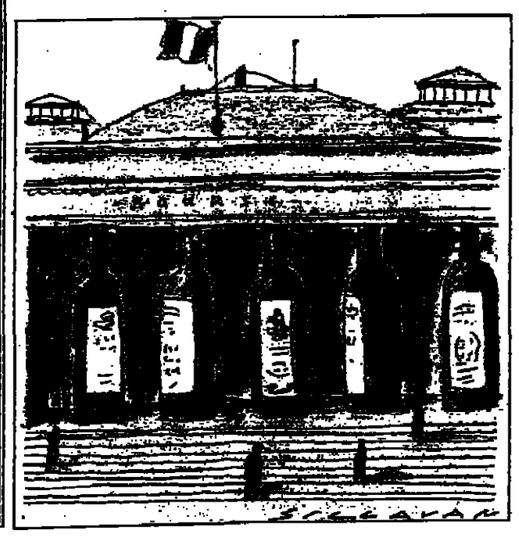
Harold Payne, managing director, said the talks had been held "in full debate with, and support from the Department of Trade and Industry and Police Special Branch". The company insisted it did not intend any illegal act.

However the industry department is understood to have warned the company, a subsidiary of Air UK, against the plan. A spokeswoman said all provision of support to Libyan civil aircraft was banned under the Libya UN Sanctions Order 1992. The order is designed to ensure British firms implement sanctions imposed after Libya's failure to hand over for trial those accused of planting the bomb which destroyed a jumbo jet over Lockerbie in December 1988.

Air UK had commercial links with the Libyan airline until 1986.

The discussions were made public by MSF, the technical union, which said members at Air UK Engineering had been told they were expected to go to Libya to provide training for Libyan Arab Airways staff.

Bourse brokers take to the bottle



From Reuter in Paris

THE Paris Bourse is a "disaster area" for the private lives of stockbrokers, according to the annual report of the exchange's official doctor.

Jean-Paul Boutron claimed that a combination of a business downturn and heavy job losses at the Bourse was driving more and more French stockbrokers to drink and wife-beating. In his annual report on work at his clinic, M Boutron said cases of heavy drinking and domestic violence soared among the 4,100 stock market employees undergoing a medical examination last year.

"We saw a very clear sharp increase in alcoholism and in the number of battered wives ... We've gone from a few cases to dozens of cases of wife-beating," the report said. "There are fewer and fewer people working but those that are work more and more. This ... is a disaster area."

The number of people employed in Paris stockbrokers fell from over 7,000 in 1990 to less than 5,000 last year.

M Boutron added: "[They are] fantastically motivated and work in hard conditions. They never know what tomorrow will bring." But he said the Bourse also reflects growing health and social problems across France as a result of the recession. Increasing numbers of bourse employees were beaten by their own adult children who had returned to the family home after losing their own jobs, according to the report.

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Receivers silent on price as Leyland buyout goes ahead

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

■ Celebrations were the order of the day, but with markets at home and overseas in a weak state, the truck plant is likely to continue working well below capacity

SEVEN hundred workers at the Leyland truck plant in Leyland, Lancashire yesterday toasted completion of the management buyout that has secured their jobs, with beer provided by their bosses.

In a complex series of agreements, completed almost five months after the company and its Anglo-Dutch parent were put into administrative receivership by their bankers, assembly of Leyland and Leyland DAF lorries in Britain will now be undertaken by a new company, Leyland Trucks Manufacturing.

The marketing operation through which the vehicles will be sold, Leyland DAF Trucks, was yesterday sold to DAF Trucks of Holland. Ownership of the 230-acre Leyland site was transferred to Lancashire Enterprises, the Lancashire County Council-sponsored enterprise agency, which will lease the truck factory to the buyout team and develop spare land within the site as a business park.

Exports of light trucks worth £50 million a year to be sold overseas under the DAF name are expected to be maintained as a result of the contracts.

The administrative receivers, John Talbot and Murdoch McKillop of Arthur Andersen, the accountant, refused to disclose how much had been raised for Leyland DAF creditors.

At least one rival bidder for the plant, the former Leyland manufacturing director Ian McKinnon, was rejected by the receivers in favour of the buyout offer. He may yet have the opportunity to bid for the highly profitable spares storage and distribution operation at Chorley, Lancashire; the Leyland components plant at Leyland and the Albion axles plant in Glasgow. Together, these operations employ as many people as the assembly plant.

Completion of yesterday's deals, coming after the sale of the Birmingham van plant to its employees, and the February rescue of the the continental operations, appears to secure the group's main production facilities for the forseeable future. Workforce levels have been reduced by more than a third, however.

John Gilchrist, managing director of the truck operation, said the lorry plant was likely to have a first-year turnover of about £140 million. The plant has a baseload of work building four-tonne general purpose lorries for the Army, as well as self-loading ammunition trucks.

The most pressing task for Mr Gilchrist and his team, however, will be to fill the gaps in the production line. The plant could, theoretically, make enough trucks to fulfil the entire United Kingdom market.

With markets at home and overseas in a weak state, however, the factory is likely to continue working well below capacity for some time.

The other members of the buyout team are John Oliver, the manufacturing director, Stewart Pierce, the personnel director, and Sandy Morris, the financial controller.

Louise Ellman, leader of Lancashire County Council, unveiled plans to redevelop spare land on the site at a cost of £30 million. The council is also working on a £500,000 scheme designed to safeguard apprentice training at the lorry plant.

Betws pit chiefs bid to be 'first'

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

FOUR managers at Betws colliery in Dyfed are bidding to be the first British Coal team to take over one of the corporation's unwanted pits.

Martin Cook, the 38-year-old deputy manager of the mine, has secured backing from the local branch of the National Union of Mineworkers and from Nacods, the pit deputies' union, for his plan, which would provide 100 jobs. The pit, a drift mine dug to exploit high-quality anthracite reserves, is among five offered by British Coal to outside operators yesterday.

Details of the proposal will be put to Tim Eggar, the energy minister, next week. The managers have appointed Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, to advise them.

Their bid may well face competition from a private mining group, since the mine is relatively small and is similar to many licensed mine operations run by independent companies in South Wales.

Betws, in the Amman Valley, north of Swansea, was one of the 10 pits listed for early closure by British Coal last autumn. In the nine months to January, when it closed, the pit produced 135,000 tonnes of coal, but British Coal said that reserves were very limited.

Mr Cook said that he was sure that there would be a ready market for the pit's output because Britain imported 800,000 tonnes of anthracite last year. His team hopes to extend the colliery's life by up to 10 years. "The beauty of our scheme," he said, "is that the colliery will remain in local hands, worked by local people. We are not in it to make a quick profit and pull out."

Mr Cook has the support of Betws's electrical engineer, Phil Owen, the mechanical engineer, Gwyn Evans, and Noel Grace, safety engineer.



New outlook: Andrew Teare is moving English China Clays from mining to refining

Surprise as ECC changes tack

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

ENGLISH China Clays, the minerals and building materials group, has signalled an abrupt shift in direction with the £202.3 million purchase of Calgon Speciality Chemicals, a producer of materials for water treatment, papermaking and a range of other industries.

The purchase is being part-funded by a £113.4 million rights issue at 350p on a one-for-eight basis, with the rest to come from borrowings. Andrew Teare, the chief executive, surprised the market and bolstered the issue's chances of success by announcing the eventual demerger of the group and floating-off of the building materials operation.

The market was broadly inclined to trust Mr Teare's judgment. ECC shares, after an initial mark-down, ended 11p higher at 425p.

The group will demerge into a speciality chemicals and minerals business, the latter including the china clay operation, and a building materials producer. No firm date was given, but some time next spring, once figures for 1993 are known, looks likely.

ECC sought to reassure analysts that the purchase, from the American drugs group Merck, would be broadly neutral on earnings for next year and that 1993's dividend will at least be at 1992 levels on the enlarged share capital.

"In the future, refining products will be more important than mining them," Mr Teare said. "Our key operatives will more and more be boffins in white coats and less and less guys in hard hats."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Britain attacked over go-slow towards EMU

THE European Commission yesterday continued its attack on John Major's go-slow approach to monetary union in Europe, with Henning Christophersen, finance commissioner, vowing that the Maastricht deadline of 1997 for a single currency could still be met. Mr Christophersen said the convergence criteria outlined in the treaty were not the "economic straitjacket" portrayed by monetary union sceptics, but flexible guidelines to help the core EC countries meld their fiscal and monetary policies.

"It has never been the meaning that there should be a completely mechanical application of these criteria," Mr Christophersen told the Association for Monetary Union in Europe, meeting in Rome. "There is room for manoeuvre." Mr Christophersen told his enthusiastic audience of analysts and corporate executives that the forthcoming Copenhagen summit of EC leaders should spell the beginning of the end for the last obstacle to a true EC single market — the lack of a single currency.

Telegraph raises stake

THE Telegraph, Conrad Black's newspaper group, confirmed it raised its stake in John Fairfax Holdings, Australia's largest quality newspaper publisher, to near a permitted limit of 25 per cent, at a cost of £22.7 million. The Telegraph said that since May 17 it has bought over 22 million Fairfax ordinary shares, raising its stake to 18 per cent from 15.3 per cent; it also holds options and convertible notes which, on conversion, would increase its stake to around 24 per cent.

Alvis rises at half time

ALVIS, the defence-to-engineering group, announced an interim profits rise to £2.19 million (£1.56 million) along with a reorganisation of its electro-optics businesses. It is transferring Helio Mirror, Avimo Taunton and United Scientific Holdings to Avimo Singapore, the group's 51 per cent-owned Singapore-listed subsidiary, for a total consideration of £17.1 million. Earnings per share of 0.1p (0.8p loss) mean an unchanged interim dividend of 0.5p.

Certificates draw £72m

NATIONAL Savings' index linked savings certificates made the highest contribution of any National Savings product to government funding in May, bringing in £72 million. Premium bonds brought in £34 million and capital bonds £33 million. Fixed interest certificates added a net £15 million to government funding. The department's total contribution was £186 million. Gross sales were £594 million and repayments were £568 million.

VTech profits fall

VTECH Holdings, the Hong Kong electronics group has passed its final dividend (US 4 cents), giving a reduced total payout of 1 cent (7 cents), after pre-tax profits fell 65.4 per cent to US$8.5 million in the year to end-March. Turnover edged to $565 million ($560.6 million). Reorganisation costs amounted to $5.5 million ($9.7 million). Earnings slide to 2 cents (15.9 cents) a share. Allan Wong, chairman, said the PC line is poised for a better performance.

Coats buys Dutch firm

COATS Viyella, the textile group, is making a £35 million acquisition of Berghaus International Fashion Group, a private Dutch womenswear distributor and supplier to Marks and Spencer. Berghaus made pre-interest profits of £4.6 million in 1992. Coats is placing 15.2 million shares to fund the £33 million initial consideration; a cash adjustment of up to £1.4 million will be payable based on completion accounts and a £0.5 million payment depends on profit targets.

Loss for Osborne

OSBORNE and Little, the upmarket wallpaper and fabrics retailer, made a pre-tax loss of £98,000 (£855,000 profit) in the year to end-March, due to a £1 million-plus exceptional loss on the sale of the French subsidiary, Fardis. Excluding the exceptional item, the group increased pre-tax profits to £1.1 million. Sir Peter Osborne, chairman, right, said borrowings in the period had been reduced by over £3 million while exports were up by 25 per cent.



Drummond passes

DRUMMOND Group is passing its dividend after exceptional reorganisation costs helped to drag the Bradford fabric maker into the red. Drummond dived to a pre-tax loss of £3.38 million in the year to end-March, compared with a £1.14 million profit the previous year. Exceptional reorganisation and restructuring costs totalled £2.98 million. Turnover fell 5.8 per cent to £45.6 million. The loss per share amounted to 22.63p, against earnings of 4.59p last time.

Headlam acquisition

HEADLAM Group, the floor coverings to fabrics distribution group, has acquired BS Brown, a distributor of specialist workwear fabrics, for £1.3 million in cash and loan notes. Brown made pre-tax profits of £101,000 in the year to end-March, on sales of £6 million, and had net assets of about £1.3 million on completion. Ian Kirkham, Headlam's chief executive, said the group intended to develop workwear fabric distribution as a separate business within the fabrics division.

Clowes 'wrong to use investments'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

PETER Clowes, former head of Barlow Clowes, had no right to treat investors' money as his own, the Court of Appeal was told yesterday. Clowes, jailed for 10 years by the Old Bailey last year for using investors' millions to fund a life of luxury, should have bought gilt-edged stock with the money, appeal judges were told.

Alan Suckling, QC, for the Crown, said that Clowes had had no authority to behave as if operating a mini-merchant bank. He ignored buying gilts "as a matter of policy" when the 18,000 mainly elderly investors in his Gibraltar-based company expected him to live up to his legally-binding undertaking to put their savings into solid investments.

Clowes, 50, of Wilmslow, Cheshire, is appealing against conviction on 10 charges of theft, for which he was sentenced to concurrent five-year prison terms. Clowes, who was also disqualified from involvement with any company for 15 years, is not challenging conviction on eight fraud charges, which represent the remainder of his sentence. However, Anthony Hacking QC, for Clowes, said that if he failed in his conviction appeal, he would seek to renew his appeal against sentence.

Clowes already had a High Court judgment against him for £30 million, faced two bankruptcy petitions, for £84 million and £19 million, and had been enduring a "very long sentence" in Wandsworth Prison after being refused transfer to an open prison, Mr Hacking said.

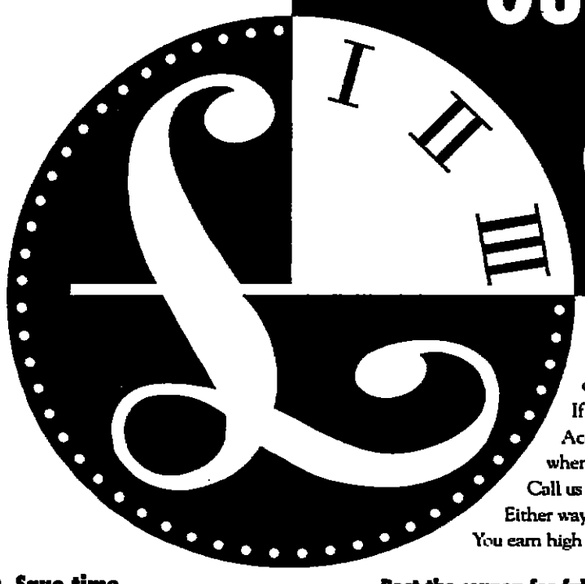
At Clowes's 112-day trial, the prosecution said that after Barlow Clowes International's £190 million collapse in 1988, auditors found only £1.9 million in gilts. There should have been £115 million, but huge amounts had been spent on a French chateau, a yacht and cars, as well as on companies that Clowes had wanted to control.

Mr Suckling told the appeal hearing that Clowes's counsel had been wrong to argue that he had not been obliged to put investors' money into gilts.

Anyone reading the mandate savers signed would be "astonished" that they were putting money into an offshore company so that Clowes could do what he liked with it.

The appeal judges said that they would reserve decisions.

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IN ISTANBUL

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The campaign is to be launched on June 14 under the banner of the World Gold Council, Elliot Hood, chief executive, announced in Istanbul on the eve of the council's agm. Of significance, is the public return to the international gold coin market of the South African Krugerrand. Until the easing of the international political climate, it was essentially only traded "under the counter". The changed international perception of South Africa allows the Krugerrand to again show its face.

The coins being promoted are the Kangaroo Nugget (Australia), Vienna Philharmonic (Austria), Maple Leaf (Canada) Libertad (Mexico), Krugerrand (South Africa), Britannia (United Kingdom) and the American Eagle. Each bullion coin is legal tender and is fully backed by the government that mints it.

The Britannia has been available for some years, but its sales pattern has been slow. It is likely to benefit from determined international exposure under the World Gold Council's campaign.

Mr Hood confirmed a continued and strong rising demand for gold coins. Worldwide sales of the five leading international gold bullion coins increased by 56 per cent for the months of April and May, over the comparable period last year, to 270,892 ounces. The improvement was clearly driven by the strong performance of gold in Western markets (North America and Europe) where sales increased by 68 per cent to 241,012 ounces in April-May.

For the year to date, the council reports that worldwide sales of gold bullion coins have increased by 30 per cent, with the West responsible for a 35 per cent improvement, compared with just 2 per cent in the rest of the world. Bullion dealers and gold analysts from all over the world are in Istanbul ahead of the *Financial Times* World Gold Conference, which starts on Monday.

The gathering has been given impetus by the recent strong performance of gold and by the increasing public interest in the metal, notably helped by the entry into the gold markets of Sir James Goldsmith and George Soros.

The World Gold Council said that while its promotional thrust would essentially be in Western markets, it was paying increasing attention to the Far East and China where strong demands for gold has been clearly evident for the past 18 months.

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BUSINESS PROFILE: **Sir Bryan Carsberg**

Determined custodian of the market place

Patricia Tehan meets the official watchdog of trading practice and reflects on his first year in the job

When Sir Bryan Carsberg unveils the annual report of the Office of Fair Trading later this month he will look back on a year in which he has done battle with the trade secretary, and lost.

He has also proved his determination to crack down on bad trading behaviour by overturning two of the rulings of Sir Gordon Borrie, his predecessor, with the decision to refer compact disc pricing and newspaper distribution to the monopolies commission.

He can look forward to tough new powers to take on abusers of monopoly positions and to end anti-competitive behaviour, thanks to proposals from the government to reform the Fair Trading Act, the Competition Act and the Restrictive Trading Practices Act.

Sir Bryan will celebrate his first year as head of the OFT tomorrow, though, as his first official day in the job was a Saturday, he had a weekend break between leaving Oftel, as BT's regulator, and putting his feet under his new desk. He decided against taking a holiday between jobs explaining: "I was needed at Oftel, there were things to be done right up to the last moment." That is an understatement. Three days before he left Oftel, Sir Bryan unveiled plans to impose a tough new pricing regime on BT and to require separate accounting for its main businesses in order to create a fairer environment for competitors.

> 'BT is a strong international player as a result of having to face the competitiveness of other pressures post-privatisation'

Sir Bryan is an accountant by training and was professor of accounting at LSE before he came into public life, at the age of 45, in 1984. A quiet-spoken, polite man, Sir Bryan still has an academic air as he leans back in his chair to describe the terrier-like way he tackles dishonest and unfair traders.

In many ways his job at the OFT resembles his previous job as director general of Oftel. "It is about making things better for the consumer, it is about competition in the market place," he observed. In his first year, Sir Bryan has made a number of diverse referrals but look closely, he says, and you will often find the same reasons behind them. "I think if you look at the references I have made you will find that what they call exclusionary behaviour is important: one of the things that worries me particularly is where somebody is unable to get supply of something or other, which is stopping them carrying out [their business] in an unrestricted way. And there I want to ask what the reasons are and whether there is a justification."

Three recent referrals, ice cream, newspaper distribution, and perfume sales, all fall into this category. "The first reference that I made was newspaper distribution. I had a rather fat file of people who wished to sell newspapers and who were denied the opportunity to do so under the present system."

"The ice cream case is another sort of example of that. Please have our freezer, and if you do you must not put anybody else's ice cream in it. Probably the shop has room only for one freezer. Typically it is a smallish shop."

In these cases and in the case where Superdrug wanted to sell perfume at a discount and was unable to get supplies, "one has to wonder whether it is some sort of abuse of market power", he said.

He decided to refer the pricing of compact discs last month on the "evidence that prices were rather higher in this country than in the US", with entrepreneurs banned, by licensing laws, from importing CDs from the US for sale over here.

The OFT has an average of 100 enquiries under way at any one time with 104 on the go today. In his first year, Sir Bryan has made 12 references to the MMC, "quite a lot", he said. "I do see competition as a very important weapon. Making markets work effectively is far and away the best thing that I can do for customers.

"It is not an anti-business line. I always quote BT as a supreme example. BT is a strong international player as a result of having to face the competitiveness of other pressures post-privatisation." He believes that state monopolies are unused to competition and tend therefore not to be strong international players.

While his relationship with BT often seemed stormy to the outside observer, Sir Bryan claims it was always "a civilised, statesmanlike relationship", and the fact that the two frequently did not see eye to eye is only natural when one is promoting competition and the other protecting its business.

BT, British Gas and others have protested against the power of their regulators and some have called for a "super regulator" to oversee their work. But Sir Bryan is against this. He feels this would only slow down the work of the regulator.

He says the privatised utilities are doing better than before privatisation. "They all seem to be improving their performance as a result of privatisation, regulation and competition. One must hesitate to interfere with systems where they are working better than before. The government very deliberately set up the regulatory system so as to limit political involvement in it."

He believes that some of the concerns raised by the regulated "are part of the continuing bargaining process" with their regulators. "Some of the regulated companies feel that they have been at the receiving end of some particularly tough regulatory decisions, I would argue good regulatory decisions. But is is natural that the companies should seek to recover ground," he said.

Perhaps the privatised utilities were under "some misapprehension" that regulators would regulate with a light rein, he says. However, he does accept that there "is room for regulatory bodies to review their procedures from time to time".

"I do think that the next step is to codify the procedures a bit more. I have been intrigued by the thought that developing a code of procedure voluntarily might be a good thing."

A referral to the MMC is always the last resort for a privatised utility when it cannot reach agreement with its regulator. At the OFT, referral to the MMC is used "as a way of getting things done", Sir Bryan said, though he will be better equipped to get things done when the reforms of the Fair Trading and Competition Acts arrive.

Through its reforms the government plans to give Sir Bryan stronger powers to obtain information from companies, and the right to accept undertakings or assurances, which will be legally enforceable, in lieu of making an MMC reference.

"At the moment the law does not say that I can accept assurances instead of making a monopolies reference", he said.

It is all very well for a company to promise to change its behaviour to avoid a referral, but if that promise is not legally binding, at present Sir Bryan has no comeback if the firm goes back on its word.

The proposed reforms will also give Sir Bryan the option of putting an interim arrangement in place with the subject of an OFT enquiry "while the investigation is being conducted". He will also be able to extend the range of areas supervised by his office to the use of property "for example if somebody running a marina seemed to be charging excessive rates for berthing", he said. He hopes the government will put its proposed reforms "at the front of the queue" so that he can redouble his efforts to stamp out bad trading behaviour.

Sir Bryan disputes that his approach at the OFT is significantly different from that of his predecessor, though his 12 references to the MMC compare with the three made by Sir Gordon in 1991.

"I always felt that Gordon and I had similar policies," he said. However, two months into his new job, Sir Bryan referred the issue of newspaper distribution to the MMC, overturning Sir Gordon's decision not to do so the previous September.

Those who have worked with both of them say Sir Gordon seemed more accessible — the only barrier to his office was a secretary — but was in fact more formal than his successor. Sir Bryan seems less accessible — with two assistants and a mass of high tech equipment outside his office — but has a more informal approach to staff.

Sir Bryan has come in for some criticism for his opinion that the Consumer Credit Act does not need significant revision, and some feel that he was not tough enough on the life assurance industry in his report to the Chancellor in March. However, to counter critics that he is soft, his MMC referral record speaks for itself.

Sir Bryan has had two high-profile run-ins with Michael Heseltine, the trade secretary, who has overturned two of his recommendations for a referral to the MMC. Mr Heseltine overturned Sir Bryan's recommendations to refer Airtours' plan to take over rival Owners Abroad and also GEC's plan to buy a components supplier.

However, he is quick to dismiss any suggestion of a clash with Mr Heseltine: "I do not think one should put too much weight on the fact that there have been disagreements. It is in the nature of the system that they should arise. There would be no point in casting it that way if Parliament did not see the need for a political person to get involved. I am sure Michael Heseltine is a firm believer in competition policy." He says that when issues are complex views are bound to differ.

His post at the OFT has another four years to run and he is in no great hurry to return to academia. "I am enjoying this line of activity very much at present. My philosophy has always been that if you have a stimulating job work away at it and enjoy it. The future tends to work out if you do that."

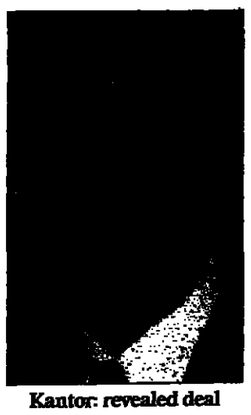
SIMON WALKER



In the chair: a former professor of accounting at LSE, Sir Bryan has no qualms about ruffling feathers in his pursuit of fair trade

Bonn pact with US sets off EC row

FROM REUTER IN BRUSSELS



Kantor: revealed deal

GERMANY sparked a European Community crisis, breaking ranks with the other 11 states in a surprise telecommunications deal with America, denounced by the EC Commission as illegal.

Barely 48 hours after putting its signature to EC sanctions against America in a dispute over government contracts, Germany reneged and, citing a 1954 treaty, announced that it would ignore an EC law mandating preferential treatment for EC suppliers.

The Commission, which under the EC treaty is in sole charge of trade policy for the 12 states, threatened legal action.

The EC executive said: "Any bilateral agreement of such a kind would be illegal under Community law." It demanded immediate information and clarification from the German government on the deal, which was revealed in Washington late on Thursday by Mickey Kantor, America's Trade Representative.

Bonn, while denying it had any special pact with Washington and promising enduring loyalty to the EC, confirmed its refusal to heed the EC law. The economics ministry said that Germany and America, in talks in Washington, had restated their commitment to a treaty from 1954 — three years before the EC was founded — in which both parties agreed not to discriminate against each other in trade.

On the basis of that treaty, the German government was not able to accept EC rules which would mandate granting public telecommunications contracts to an EC company even if the bid were up to three per cent above non-EC bids, it said.

"It would not be possible for Germany to apply this rule, and so Germany must be excluded from US sanctions," the ministry added.

The move, which effectively frees German and suppliers from EC-US sanctions and counter-sanctions imposed in a dispute over mutual charges of discrimination against outside suppliers, was rejected by the Commission as invalid.

A spokesman for the Commission said: "The Germans and the other 11 have formally signed a regulation of counter-sanctions against the Americans which comes into effect immediately and which takes precedence over any other accord."

Portugal, Spain and Greece were the only EC states exempted from the sanctions and counter-sanctions and that was clearly stated in the regulation, it added.

An American official estimated that Germany had the largest potential telecommunications market in Europe, worth about $4 billion out of $14 billion Community-wide.



Brittan: hurried statement

Mr Kantor announced the deal at a congressional hearing on government procurement, which has long been a sore point in transatlantic trade relations.

Brussels was caught unawares by the news and Sir Leon Brittan, the EC Trade Commissioner, issued a hurried statement in what officials described as an attempt to forestall formal signing of the pact.

At the start of this year, the EC adopted a regulation favouring European companies over outsiders in bidding for utilities contracts. Washington insisted that the rule must go, while Brussels said it first wanted far greater access to American government business at the federal, state and local level.

The row — while it focused on telecommunications and heavy electrical equipment — had threatened to escalate into a far bigger dispute between the world's biggest trading blocs.

Mr Kantor and Sir Leon struck a partial deal in April. Both sides toned down their rhetoric and imposed limited sanctions only, because the dispute over price preferences was narrowed down to telecommunications equipment.

On May 28, America imposed curbs on the EC that could cost the bloc about $20 million in lost business. The EC retaliated on Tuesday with sanctions worth about $15 million a year.

Russia applies to join Gatt as key to vital new markets

FROM REUTER IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA applied formally yesterday for membership of Gatt, the world trade organisation, and said it hoped a decision would be made by the end of this year.

Boris Yeltsin, the Russian leader, handed a formal application to Arthur Dunkel, secretary-general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, saying Russia needed access to European and world markets.

President Yeltsin told Mr Dunkel: "We can't do without the help of your organisation. I hope you will not put this on the back burner until the end of the decade. I hope you will take a decision by the end of 1993."

Moscow is desperate to become integrated into the world economy. Denis Kiselyov, a World Bank Moscow economist, said most restrictions would be lifted once Russia joined Gatt, enabling its firms to try to gain a foothold in western markets. He said: "I can't say there will be an explosion in exports, but there will be an increase... Russian firms have great competitive advantages. They can't compete in quality straight away, but can sell for lower prices than European producers."

Diplomats said earlier this week that negotiations to admit Moscow to Gatt were expected to take a few years and would depend on Russia's moves toward a market economy. Mr Dunkel said Moscow's biggest problem would be convincing the other 111 members it was serious about economic reform. He said: "The negotiations will be a complex and difficult process and will require hard work from all. The main challenge is the question of speed, and the conviction of Russia's future partners in Gatt about the instruments of Russian economic and trade policies on the basis of competition."

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STOCK MARKET

Investors get a heatwave thirst for Cadbury Schweppes shares

THIS week's heatwave proved an opportune time for **Cadbury Schweppes**, the soft drinks and confectionery group, to tell the City just how well it is doing.

Investors were hardly able to quench their thirst for the shares yesterday as the price jumped 12p to 459p in a dull market with more than two million changing hands.

It is said that the group has been talking to selected brokers about current trading conditions and seems to have made a favourable impression. Warburg Securities and Lehman Brothers were both thought to be pushing Cadbury hard to their clients.

The message from the company would indicate that its soft drinks side is making the most of the warm weather. Some brokers are forecasting interim pre-tax profits in September of up to £165 million compared with £121.5 million for the corresponding period in 1992.

Elsewhere, share prices ended the week on a subdued note, with the FT-SE 100 index recovering a near 11 point fall, helped by the latest American inflation figures which were in line with most forecasts. There had been some fears that the figures would reveal a revival in inflationary pressure prompting a sharp fall on Wall Street. In the event, the Dow Jones industrial average posted a modest gain in early trading. In London, the index ended, up 1.8 points, at 2,861.8, with the latest trade figures failing to make much impression. Turnover was thin, with 528 million shares traded.

Fisons clawed back an early fall to finish 1p firmer at 155p having lost its place as a constituent in the index earlier this week after the regular quarterly reshuffle.

Brokers reported a two-way pull in the shares as the tracking funds continued to unwind their positions. This has been countered by bargain-hunters who take the view that the shares have been oversold and now look attractive on their current rating.

Robert Fleming is thought to have led the buying this week on behalf of institutional clients who may have snapped up an estimated 10 million shares. The new management team of Patrick Egan and Cedric Scroggs still face an uphill struggle on the road to recovery, but they have impressed the City with their efforts to date.

Meanwhile, **Zeneca** eased another 1p to 616p compared with a rights issue price of 600p. The Prudential has reduced its holding in the company below the disclosable 3 per cent level. Hugh Jenkins, of the Pru, said there had been some rebalancing of portfolios resulting in a reduction of the nil-paid Zeneca shares. But the Pru will take up the majority of its rights.

J. Sainsbury, Britain's biggest supermarket chain, fell 12p to 485p, depressed by talk that a line of 1.5 million shares had been offered round the market-place. **British Aerospace** ran into profit-taking after this week's strong run. Dealers are hoping that further big orders will be announced during the Paris Airshow. BAe's performance also rubbed off on **Smiths Industries**, 7p higher at 362p.

There was further good news for the property sector where **Clayform** surged 11p to 25p after the close of business on the news that Martin Landau had taken a 5 per cent stake and had been appointed deputy chairman. Mr Landau made a name for himself in the 1980s property boom.

English China Clays recovered from an early fall to end the session 9p higher at 225p after announcing that it was paying £202 million for Calgon, the US speciality chemicals group.

Palmerston Holdings, the property group, tumbled 9p to 6p after revealing it was in talks with its bankers.

□ The Bank of England's decision to issue £700 million of Treasury 8¾ per cent 2017 was favourably received by the market. Details of the next gilt auction are expected next Friday. It is likely to be pitched between the seven and 10 year range. On the futures market, the September series of the Long Gilt firmed a tick to £104 19/32 after the latest trade figures.

MICHAEL CLARK



Battling on: Cedric Scroggs, left, and Patrick Egan of Fisons are impressing the City

New-look Business Technology cuts losses

By Philip Pangalos

BUSINESS Technology Group, Tony Berry's slimmed-down office equipment group, remained in the red at the full-year stage, but reported reduced losses in its first full year of trading under its new management team.

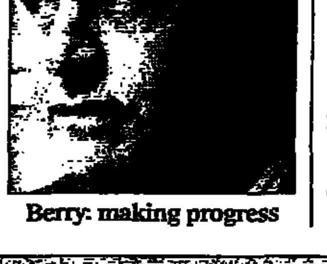
The company reports a pre-tax loss of £6.31 million in the year to end-December, compared with a loss of £7.44 million last time, restated under FRS3 accounting standard. Turnover, affected by discontinued activities, fell to £20.2 million (£42.4 million).

Tony Berry, chairman, said that despite competitive market conditions, the group made continued progress and the trading performance has been satisfactory. He said the group continued to expand its machine base, and, with more than 24,000 machines in the field, is one of the largest copier and facsimile companies in the UK.

The savings resulting from the reorganisation, together with lower interest charges, enabled the group's continuing activities to achieve an operating profit after interest charges of £267,000, compared with a loss of £356,000 in 1991. Net debts were reduced by £4.1 million last year, bringing the group's net debts down from £13.7 million to £4.7 million over the last two financial years. The interest charge fell to £924,000 (£1.58 million).

Loss per share is trimmed to 32.7p (38.4p). There is again no dividend, but the company said, depending on the group's performance in the current year, it is the board's intention to recommence the payment of dividends "as soon as possible".

Mr Berry said three main objectives last year were to continue reducing borrowings, to rationalise and reorganise the group to concentrate on its core business of the sale and servicing of office equipment and thirdly, to look for acquisition opportunities. The shares eased 1p to 15p.


Berry: making progress

WORLD MARKETS

Seesaw day for Nikkei

Tokyo — Shares ended mixed in seesaw trading. Sentiment was firm in early trading, but profit-taking was triggered by worse than expected quarterly corporate survey results from the Bank of Japan, brokers said. The Nikkei average was up 7.63 points, or 0.04 per cent to 20,500.95.

□ **Hong Kong** — Shares closed slightly higher, aided by light bargain-hunting amid thin turnover, brokers said. The Hang Seng index ended up 6.16 points, or 0.08 per cent, at 7,266.74.

□ **Singapore** — The Straits Times industrial index fell 11.60 points to 1,853.05.

□ **Sydney** — The All-ordinaries index closed 1.8 points higher at 1714.3.

□ **Frankfurt** — The Dax index closed at 1,680.98, up 7.91 points. *(Reuter)*

New York — American shares stayed firm in early trading, but were off their highs amid profit-taking, weakness in oil shares and uncertainties about the economy. Blue chips had rallied off the US Producer Price Index for last month, which came in flat against a forecast 0.1 per cent rise. Alan Ackerman, executive vice-president at Reich and Co, said the easing of inflation concerns was not enough to sustain a meaningful rally. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 8.58 points at 3,500.30. *(Reuter)*

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Provident	388p (+24p)
Wintrust	235p (+22p)
SA Breweries	890p (+50p)
TI	337p (+11p)
Henlys	163p (+12p)
J Cropper	234p (+10p)
Osborne & Little	113p (+16p)
Charter Cons	621p (+11p)

FALLS:

Sothebys	838p (-87p)
Lloyds Chem	283p (-10p)
Amersham	765p (-15p)
Manpower	976p (-13p)
RMC Group	756p (-13p)
Eurocamp	212p (-12p)
Br Aerospace	410p (-15p)
Thomson Corp	765p (-10p)
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AMR Corp	67⅝	67
Abbott Labs	25⅝	26⅛
Aetna Life	53⅞	53⅞
Ahmanson (HF)	17⅝	17⅝
Air Prod & Chem	41⅝	42
Albertsons	55⅝	56
Alcan Aluminum	19	19⅛
Alco Standard	48⅝	48⅝
Allied Signal	67⅞	67⅝
Alum Co of Am	66⅝	67⅝
Amax	21¼	22⅛
Amerada Hess	51	52⅝
Amer Brands	32⅝	32⅝
Amer Cyanamid	52⅝	52⅝
Amer El Power	36⅝	36⅝
Amer Express	28⅝	29
Amer Genl Corp	30⅝	30⅝
Amer Home Pr	66⅝	66⅛
Amer Intl	128	127
Amer Stores	42	42
Amer T & T	61⅝	61½
Ameritech	75⅝	75⅝
Amoco	56⅝	57⅝
Anheuser-Busch	49⅝	50⅝
Apple Computer	43⅝	44⅞
Archer Daniels	24⅝	24⅝
Arkla	9⅝	9⅝
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Armstrong Wrld	30⅝	30⅝
Asarco	20⅝	20⅝
Ashland Oil	26⅝	26
Atl Richfield	119⅝	121½
Auto Data Pro	49⅝	49⅝
Avery Dennison	29⅝	29⅝
Avon Products	53⅝	52⅝
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Baltim Gas & El	24⅝	24⅝
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Bankamerica	43	42⅝
Bank of NY	54⅝	53⅝
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Becton Dickinsn	36⅝	36⅝
Bell Atlantic	56⅝	56⅝
Bellsouth	53⅝	53⅝
Black & Decker	20⅝	20⅝
Block (H&R)	36⅝	36⅝
Boeing	38⅝	38⅝
Boise Cascade	24⅝	24⅝
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Bristol Myrs Sq	59⅝	59⅝
Browning Ferris	27⅝	27⅝
Burlington Nthn	51½	51½
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CNA Financial	92	91⅝
CPC Intl	41½	40⅝
CSX	67⅝	67⅝
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Can Pacific	16	16⅝
Cpd Cities ABC	540	536⅝
Cpd Holdings	38⅝	37⅝
Carolina Pwr	32	31½
Caterpillar	75⅝	75⅝
Central & SW	31½	31½
Champion Intl	32⅝	32⅝
Chase Manhat	29⅝	29⅝
Chemical Bk	37⅝	37⅝
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Chubb Corp	83⅝	83⅝
Cigna Corp	58⅝	57⅝
Citicorp	27⅝	27⅝
Clorox	49⅝	48⅝
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Coca Cola	41½	41
Colgate-Palmolive	54⅝	53⅝
Columbia Gas	24⅝	24⅝
Commonw Ed	27⅝	27⅝
Compaq Comp	53⅝	52⅝
Comp Ass Int	27⅝	26⅝
Conagra	25⅝	25⅝
Cons Edison	34⅝	34⅝
Cons Nat Gas	53⅝	52⅝
Cons Rail	51½	52⅝
Cooper Inds	49⅝	49⅝
Corning Inc	34⅝	33⅝
Crown Cork	39⅝	39
Dana Corp	53⅝	53
Dayton Hudson	64⅝	65
Deere	64⅝	64½
Delta Air Lines	51½	51
Deluxe Corp	39	39⅝
Detroit Edison	33⅝	34⅝
Digital Equip	42⅝	43⅝
Dillard Dept St	38⅝	38⅝
Disney (Walt)	43⅝	43⅝
Dominion Res	42⅝	42⅝
Donelley (RR)	30	29⅝
Dover Corp	46⅝	46⅝
Dow Chemicals	56⅝	56⅝
Dow Jones	28⅝	28
Dresser	22⅝	23⅝
Duke Power	39⅝	39⅝
Dun & Bradstreet	57⅝	57⅝
Du Pont	51½	52⅝
Eastman Kodak	50⅝	50⅝
Eaton Corp	90⅝	90⅝
Emerson Elec	61½	61½
Engelhard Corp	34¼	33⅞
Enron Corp	60⅝	61½
Entergy Corp	34⅝	34⅞
Ethyl Corp	28⅝	28⅝
Exxon	66	66⅛
FMC Corp	43⅝	43⅞
FPL Group	37⅝	37⅞
Federal Express	45	45
Fed Nat Mtge	77⅜	77⅝
First Chicago	37⅝	36⅞
First Interstate	55⅝	55⅝
First Union Rlty	10⅝	10⅞
Fleet Finl Grp	30	29⅝
Fluor Corp	40⅝	40⅝
Ford Motor	53⅞	54⅝
GTE Corp	35⅝	35⅝
Gannett	49⅝	49
Gap Inc Del	33	33⅝
Gen Cinema	35⅝	35⅝
Gen Dynamics	95⅝	95⅝
Gen Electric	94⅝	93⅝
Gen Mills	63⅝	63
Gen Motors	41⅝	41½
Gen Reinsurance	111½	110⅝
Gen Signal	66⅝	66⅝
Genuine Parts	36⅝	36⅝
Georgia Pac	58⅝	58⅝
Gillette	48⅝	49⅝
Glaxo ADR	18⅝	18⅝
Goodrich (BF)	44⅝	44⅝
Goodyear Tire	39⅝	38⅝
Grace (W&R)	39⅜	39⅝
Grt Atl Pac Tea	33⅝	33⅝
Great Wstn Fin	16⅝	15⅝
Halliburton	38⅝	40⅝
Heinz (HJ)	37⅝	37⅝
Hercules	73⅝	73⅝
Hershey Foods	49⅝	49⅝
Hewlett Packard	86⅝	84⅝
Hilton Hotels	48	48⅝
Home Depot	43⅝	44
Homestake Mng	17⅝	17⅝
Honeywell	36⅝	36⅝
Household Intl	66⅝	66⅝
Houston Inds	44⅝	44
Humana	10⅝	10⅝
ITT Corp	81½	82⅝
Illinois Tool	75⅝	75⅝
INCO	22⅝	23⅝
Ingersoll Rand	33⅝	33⅝
Inland Steel	26	26
Intel Corp	55⅝	54⅝
IBM	52⅝	52⅝
Intl Flav & Fr	115⅝	115
Intl Paper	64½	64
James River Va	21⅝	21
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	44½	44⅝
K Mart	22⅝	23
Kellogg	52⅝	52⅝
Kerr-McGee	51½	52⅝
Kimberly-Clark	46⅝	46
Knight-Ridder	51⅝	53⅝
Lilly (Eli)	49⅝	49⅝
Limited Inc	23⅝	23⅝
LIN Brdcstng	97⅝	95⅝
Lincoln Nat	76⅝	76
Litton	57⅝	57⅝
Liz Claiborne	31⅝	31⅝
Lockheed Corp	62⅝	62
Louisiana Pac	32⅝	32⅝
MCI Commun	54⅝	55⅝
Marriott	25⅝	25⅝
Marsh & McLnn	86⅝	87⅝
Masco Corp	29⅝	29⅝
May Dept St	71½	70⅝
Maytag Corp	15⅝	15⅝
McCaw Cellular	42	40⅝
McDonalds	49⅝	49⅝
McDonnell D	68⅝	68⅝
McGraw Hill	55⅝	55⅝
Mead Corp	44⅝	44⅝
Medtronic	65⅝	65
Mellon Bk	53⅝	52⅝
Melville Corp	46⅝	45⅝
Merck Inc	37⅝	37⅝
Merrill Lynch	73⅝	72⅝
Minnesota Mine	108⅝	105⅝
Mobil Corp	71⅝	73⅝
Monsanto	58	57⅝
Morgan (JP)	65⅝	64⅝
Motorola Inc	83⅝	83
Natl Medical	9⅝	9
Natl Semi	14⅝	14⅝
Natl Service Ind	25⅝	25⅝
Navistar Int	2⅝	2⅝
NBD Bancorp	31½	30⅝
NY Times A	25⅝	26⅝
Newmont Mng	49⅝	49⅝
Niag Mohawk	23⅝	23⅝
Nike B	67⅝	68⅝
NL Industries	4	3⅝
Nordstrom	28⅝	28⅝
Norfolk Sthrn	63⅝	63⅝
Nthn State Pwr	45	44⅝
Norwest Corp	47⅝	47⅝
Nynex Corp	87⅝	87⅝
Occidental Pet	20⅝	21⅝
Ohio Edison	24	23⅝
Oracle Systems	41⅝	41½
Oryx Energy Co	20⅝	22
Owens Corning	40	40⅝
PNC Financial	29⅝	30
PPG Industries	66⅝	68
Paccar Inc	59⅝	59⅝
Pacificorp	18	18⅝
Pac Enterprises	24⅝	24⅝
Pac Gas & Elect	33⅝	33⅝
Pac Telesis	48⅝	48⅝
Pall Corp	17⅝	17⅝
Panhandle East	22⅝	22⅝
Paramnt Comm	53⅝	53⅝
Parker Hannifin	32⅝	32⅝
Penney (JC)	47⅝	47⅝
Pennzoil	64⅝	64⅝
Pepsico	36⅝	35⅝
Pfizer	70⅝	70⅝
Phelps Dodge	42⅝	43⅝
Philadel Elec	29⅝	29⅝
Philip Morris	48⅝	48⅝
Phillips Pet	30⅝	31⅝
Pitney Bowes	41⅝	41⅝
Polaroid	35⅝	35⅝
Price Co	29	29
Primerica	44⅝	44
Procter & Gmbl	47⅝	47⅝
Pub Serv E & G	32⅝	32⅝
Quaker Oats	73⅝	73
Ralston Purina	44⅝	44⅝
Raychem Corp	45⅝	45⅝
Raytheon	59	58⅝
Reebok Intl	34⅝	35
Reynolds Metals	45⅝	46
Roadway Srvs	52⅝	52⅝
Rockwell Intl	32⅝	32⅝
Rohm & Haas	56⅝	57⅝
Royal Dutch	93⅝	94
Rubbermaid	29⅝	29⅝
Safeco Corp	57⅝	57⅝
St Paul's Cos	78⅝	79
Salomon Inc	36⅝	36⅝
Santa Fe S Pac	16⅝	16⅝
Sara Lee Corp	25⅝	24⅝
Scecorp	48⅝	48⅝
Schering Plough	66⅝	66⅝
Schlumberger	65⅝	67⅝
Scott Paper	34⅝	33⅝
Seagram	26⅝	26⅝
Sears Roebuck	52⅝	52⅝
Shell Trans	57⅝	57⅝
Sherwin Wlms	30⅝	30⅝
Skyline Corp	17⅝	17
Snap-On-Tools	39⅝	38⅝
Southern Co	41⅝	40⅝
Sthwestern Bell	39	38⅝
Sprint Corp	30⅝	30⅝
Stanley Works	43⅝	43⅝
Sun Company	24⅝	24⅝
Suntrust	44	43⅝
Supervalu	33⅝	32⅝
Syntex Corp	19⅝	19⅝
Sysco Corp	26	25⅝
TRW Inc	66⅝	66⅝
Tandem Comp	12⅝	12⅝
Tandy Corp	29⅝	29⅝
Telecom Corp	3⅝	3⅝
Teledyne	20⅝	20⅝
Temple Inland	43⅝	43⅝
Tenneco	46⅝	46⅝
Texaco	63⅝	64⅝
Texas Inst	66⅝	66⅝
Texas Utilities	45⅝	45⅝
Textron	51	51
Time Warner	37⅝	37⅝
Times-Mirror	29⅝	29⅝
Timken	31⅝	31⅝
Torchmark	52⅝	52⅝
Toys R Us	38⅝	38⅝
Transamerica	49⅝	48⅝
Travelers Corp	28⅝	28
Tribune	52⅝	51⅝
Tyco Labs	41½	41⅝
UAL Corp	131⅝	129⅝
UST Inc	28⅝	28⅝
USX Marathon	18⅝	18⅝
Unilever NV	107⅝	107⅝
Union Camp	42⅝	42⅝
Union Carbide	18⅝	18⅝
Union Pacific	60⅝	60⅝
Unisys Corp	11⅝	11⅝
USAIR Group	19⅝	18⅝
USF&G Corp	16⅝	16⅝
US Life	39⅝	39⅝
US West	44⅝	44
United Tech	52⅝	52⅝
Unocal Corp	30⅝	31⅝
Upjohn	30⅝	30⅝
VF Corp	46⅝	46⅝
WMX Tech	35⅝	35
Wal-Mart Stores	26⅝	26⅝
Warner-Lambert	70⅝	70⅝
Wells Fargo	100⅝	99
Westinghouse El	15	14⅝
Weyerhaeuser	41⅝	41⅝
Whirlpool	53⅝	53⅝
Whitman	13⅝	13⅝
Winn Dixie	55⅝	55⅝
Woolworth	28⅝	28⅝
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	34⅝	34⅝
Xerox	75⅝	74⅝

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS 071 538 8880				
Series Mngd Fd	390.80	413.60	+1.40	...
Series Equity	488.60	517.10	-0.90	...
Series Prop Fd	392.20	412.10	-2.80	...
Series Fixed Int	307.50	325.40	+0.70	...
Series Money Fd	239.60	253.60	+0.30	...
Series Overs Fd	302.60	320.30	+1.80	...
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD 0800 010575				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	17.17	18.08	+0.01	...
Bear	17.89	18.84	-0.06	...
Owl	17.73	18.67	-0.07	...
Bull	16.05	16.90	+0.05	...
Stag	16.89	17.78	-0.08	...
Gilt Edged	17.60	17.60	+0.05	...
Deposit	15.15	15.15	+0.01	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	22.82	24.03	-0.04	...
Bear	23.71	24.96	+0.07	...
Owl	23.39	24.63	-0.10	...
Bull	20.06	21.12	+0.08	...
Stag	20.49	21.57	+0.12	...
Gilt Edged	21.52	21.53	+0.06	...
Deposit	19.15	19.15	+0.02	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	521.41	521.42	+3.24	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	311.80	328.22	-2.05	...
N Amer Equity	272.47	286.82	-0.84	...
Far East Equity	370.81	390.33	+4.15	...
Fixed	275.24	289.73	+0.79	...
Cash Deposit	194.81	205.07	+0.18	...
Property	118.45	124.69	-2.12	...
Special Opp	335.76	353.44	-3.90	...
Managed	273.08	287.46	-1.63	...
Index-Linked Fd	184.53	194.24	+0.03	...
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	250.10	263.30	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	440.20	463.40	+0.70	...
Equity Fd Inc	155.90	164.20	...	...
-do- Acc	197.00	207.40	...	...
Selective Fd	436.90	459.90	+0.20	...
Money Fd	357.00	375.80	+0.30	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	343.50	361.60	+0.40	...
Equity Ser 4	193.90	204.20	+0.60	...
Man Ser 4	596.50	627.90	-2.70	...
Conv Ser 4	313.00	329.50	+0.30	...
Money Ser 4	312.70	329.20	+0.30	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	322.30	339.30	+1.50	...
American Ser 4	464.00	488.50	-4.10	...
High Inc Ser 4	584.20	615.00	-1.40	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	197.60	208.10	...	...
Japan Ser 4	363.70	382.90	-1.10	...
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1403.7	1477.5	+2.00	...
European Fd Acc	305.10	321.20	+1.90	...
Fixed Int Acc	486.90	512.50	+2.80	...
Gtd Money Acc	318.40	335.10	+0.20	...
Intl Managed Acc	525.10	552.70	+0.80	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	313.90	330.40	+2.00	...
Japan Fund	293.50	308.90	-0.20	...
N American Acc	293.80	309.20	-4.70	...
Prop Fd Acc	366.10	385.40	-0.40	...
Multiple Inv Acc	935.60	984.80	+2.70	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	354.20	372.90	+0.10	...
Equity Acc	1233.8	1298.8	+4.10	...
Property Acc	470.40	495.20	-0.30	...
Far East Acc	265.40	279.40	+1.90	...
Managed Capital	480.40	505.70	+2.00	...
-do- Acc	950.80	1000.9	+4.00	...
Overseas Acc	825.70	869.20	+3.20	...
Gilt Edged Acc	434.40	457.30	+1.90	...
Amer Equity Acc	690.70	727.10	-10.30	...
Amer Man Acc	297.30	313.00	-3.80	...
Amer Prop Acc	113.40	119.40	+0.70	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 0494 463463				
Reserve Ser 5	135.20	142.30	-0.30	...
Balcd Ser 5	620.90	653.50	+1.00	...
Opportunity Ser 5	137.80	145.00	-0.40	...
UK Equities Ser 5	845.50	889.90	+0.50	...
Higher Inc Ser 5	890.30	937.10	+3.70	...
North Amer Ser 5	416.40	438.30	-7.30	...
Far East Ser 5	495.90	522.00	+2.10	...
Europe Ser 5	304.20	320.20	-0.70	...
Intnl Ser 5	501.40	527.70	-1.80	...
Property Ser 5	454.20	478.10	+0.50	...
Fixed Int Ser 5	387.70	408.10	+1.60	...
Inc-Lnkd Sec S5	172.90	181.90	+0.30	...
Gteed Dep Ser 5	282.20	297.00	-0.20	...
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	741.20	780.30	+3.40	...
-do- Initial	516.10	543.30	+2.30	...
Gilt Edged Acc	360.80	379.80	+1.40	...
-do- Initial	253.40	266.80	+1.00	...
International Acc	357.80	376.70	+1.60	...
-do- Initial	248.00	261.10	-0.10	...
Managed Acc	465.00	489.50	+1.30	...
-do- Initial	325.00	342.20	+0.90	...
Money Acc	277.60	292.30	+0.30	...
Property Acc	253.30	266.70	+0.10	...
-do- Initial	175.80	185.10	-0.10	...
America Acc	265.90	279.90	-4.10	...
Australia Acc	171.10	180.20	-1.30	...
Financial Acc	276.10	292.80	+3.10	...
500 Accum	399.10	420.20	+1.20	...
Japan Genl Acc	368.50	387.90	-0.10	...
Income Acc	463.80	488.30	+2.70	...
Leisure Acc	193.80	204.00	+1.00	...
Special Sits Acc	203.60	214.40	-1.70	...
Univ Tech Acc	133.20	140.30	+1.10	...

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BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000				
The Managed Fd	713.75	713.75	+2.19	...
Income Fund	680.37	716.18	+4.23	...
Extra Income	622.42	655.18	+4.35	...
Worldwide Gth	443.52	466.87	+3.96	...
Balanced Fund	588.50	619.48	+0.94	...
Smllr Cos Recov	607.93	639.93	-2.69	...
N Amer & Genl	349.55	367.95	-1.50	...
Pacific Basin	354.98	373.67	+5.11	...
German Growth	193.44	203.63	-2.31	...
Japan Growth	175.41	184.65	+2.29	...
The UK Gth Fd	186.83	196.67	-0.10	...
Contl Euro Gth	105.42	110.97	-1.81	...
Property Fund	339.88	357.77	+0.12	...
Fixed Interest	286.73	301.83	+1.31	...
Cash Fund	270.32	284.55	+0.17	...
Managed Inv	436.22	459.18	+1.29	...
Nth Amer Recov	231.76	243.96	-4.94	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Grth	402.44	423.63	-4.93	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire 0475 888000				
Measured Perf	141.30	149.50	+1.00	...
Performance Plus	137.70	145.70	-1.00	...
With Profit Perf	161.20	170.60	+0.30	...
UK Opportunity	160.40	169.70	+1.00	...
Euro Opportunity	175.70	185.90	-0.90	...
North Amer Opp	130.90	138.50	-1.60	...
Far East Opp	163.10	172.60	+4.00	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	142.90	150.40	-9.60	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	149.50	158.20	-0.70	...
Fixed Int	165.90	175.60	+1.90	...
Cash	148.90	157.60	+0.10	...
Overseas	154.00	163.00	+0.70	...
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	£238.60	...	...	...
Managed	295.60	311.20	+2.60	...
Property	195.40	205.70	+0.30	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	219.70	231.30	+1.30	...
Index-Linked	179.00	188.50	-0.20	...
Equity	325.70	342.90	+3.20	...
Cash	208.10	219.10	+0.10	...
CLife Euro Mgd	314.30	330.90	+1.70	...
CLife Intl Fd	340.60	358.50	+2.60	...
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£112.90	...	-0.10	...
Property Units	£25.24	...	-0.02	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£58.66	£62.07	-0.11	...
2nd Equity Acc	565.10	598.00	-1.20	...
2nd High Inc Ac	541.40	572.90	+3.10	...
2nd Property Acc	231.50	245.00	-0.30	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	168.20	178.00	+0.50	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	417.50	441.80	-0.80	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	203.20	215.00	-1.00	...
2nd Deposit Acc	268.50	284.20	+0.10	...
2nd Gilt Acc	272.90	288.80	+1.90	...
2nd Amer Acc	585.20	619.30	-17.80	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	252.50	267.20	-2.20	...
2nd Index Acc	183.70	194.40	-0.20	...
2nd Far East Acc	398.50	421.70	+3.00	...
2nd Global Acc	156.30	165.40	-1.40	...
2nd Euro Acc	136.40	144.30	-0.10	...
2nd Japan Acc	214.40	226.90	-1.70	...
2nd Heritage Acc	68.30	72.30	-0.10	...
2nd Int Cu Bd Acc	152.90	161.80	+1.00	...
2nd Cap Gilt Acc	113.50	120.10	+0.60	...
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 0908 606101				
Property Fund	177.50	186.80	...	...
Managed Fund	535.80	564.00	-2.00	...
Equity Fund	304.30	320.40	-1.00	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	254.30	267.70	-1.10	...
Ruby	146.90	154.70	+0.60	...
Emerald	133.50	140.60	+0.40	...
Equity	287.80	303.10	+1.40	...
Property	174.40	183.60	-0.10	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	191.00	201.10	-1.20	...
Indexed Secs	157.40	165.70	-0.10	...
Cash	178.20	187.60	+0.10	...
Nth American	196.08	206.40	-0.80	...
Far East	263.00	276.90	-3.00	...
International	208.50	219.50	+0.80	...
Special Sits	277.20	291.80	+2.10	...
Intl Income	254.90	267.90	-0.80	...
American Inc	170.30	179.30	-0.70	...
European	251.90	265.20	+2.00	...
Japanese	155.50	163.70	-0.20	...
SE Asia	279.70	294.50	+3.70	...
With Profits Reg	147.60	155.40	+0.20	...
-do- Spec	147.60	155.40	+0.20	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	278.70	293.40	-1.50	...
Equity	326.70	343.90	+1.40	...
Property	169.60	178.60	+0.10	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	229.90	242.10	-1.70	...
Index Linked	165.30	174.00	-0.10	...
Cash	233.10	245.40	-0.30	...
Nth American	240.90	253.60	-0.70	...
Far East Acc	316.50	333.20	-1.50	...
International Acc	257.90	271.50	-1.20	...
Special Sits	412.40	434.20	+3.50	...
European Flex	337.20	355.00	-3.20	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY. 0634 890 000				
(Units) Key	£205.73	...	+1.74	...
-do- Pacemaker	£284.57	...	+3.45	...
-do- Cash	195.58	205.87	+0.12	...
-do- Equity	475.24	500.25	+7.58	...
-do- Fxd Int	337.98	355.77	+2.73	...
-do- Managed	344.88	363.03	+5.29	...
-do- Property	285.66	300.69	-17.96	...
(Pens) Cash Cap	205.39	216.22	+0.13	...
-do- Cash Inv	285.43	300.46	+6.55	...
-do- Equity Cap	1274.6	1341.7	+9.32	...
-do- Equity Inv	1771.4	[illegible]	[illegible]	...

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-do- Fixed Cap	369.42	388.87	+3.90	...
-do- Fixed Inv	513.37	540.40	+6.14	...
-do- Index Cap	199.55	210.06	-0.99	...
-do- Index Inv	277.31	291.91	-0.08	...
Mngd Cap	517.90	545.17	+4.78	...
Mngd Inv	719.71	757.60	+7.66	...
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5)	£606.43	...	+3.38	...
Var Ann (5)	283.01	...	+0.15	...
Prime Managed	355.00	373.70	+1.80	...
Prime UK Equity	423.80	446.20	+3.00	...
Prime Int Equity	267.80	281.90	-0.50	...
Prime Property	195.40	205.70	+0.30	...
Prime Fxd Int	225.50	237.40	+1.30	...
Prime Index-Lnk	161.90	170.50	+0.10	...
Prime Cash	195.70	206.00	...	...
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744840				
Managed Fund	1009.6	1062.7	+1.10	...
Equity Fund	1437.2	1512.8	-3.60	...
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	530.00	557.80	-0.70	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	339.00	356.80	+0.10	...
Life Equity Acc	723.20	761.20	-2.40	...
Life Money Acc	288.80	303.90	+0.20	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	669.20	704.40	+6.50	...
Life Intl Acc	468.10	492.70	-2.60	...
Life High Inc Acc	689.20	725.40	+1.70	...
Life Property Acc	205.60	216.40	+0.20	...
Crown Brit Inv A	1138.3	...	+13.50	...
Brewin Equity	627.40	660.40	+3.40	...
Life Equity Acc	234.00	246.30	...	...
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	167.10	175.90	+0.20	...
Blue Chip Fund	220.60	232.20	+0.30	...
-do- Series 2	141.60	149.10	+0.30	...
Adventurous Fd	188.00	197.90	+0.60	...
-do- Series 2	141.00	148.50	+0.40	...
Performance Fd	226.50	238.50	-0.20	...
-do- Series 2	146.40	154.20	-0.10	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	137.30	144.60	-0.30	...
UK Equity Fund	140.20	147.60	+0.90	...
Property Fund	102.60	108.00	-0.40	...
Envmnmtl Opps	139.10	146.50	-0.20	...
Euro Fund	143.60	151.20	-0.70	...
North Amer Fd	172.90	182.10	-2.60	...
Oriental Ops	159.60	168.10	+3.70	...
Japanese Fund	127.60	134.40	+0.10	...
Bd & West Life	114.00	120.10	+0.60	...
Bd & West Pen	125.60	132.30	+0.10	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	246.00	254.90	+1.00	3.59
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 413366				
Managed (Mixd)	270.70	285.00	+1.00	...
UK Equity	361.30	380.40	+1.30	...
Stewardship	313.70	330.30	-0.40	...
Overseas Equity	243.80	256.70	+0.70	...
North American	131.40	138.30	-0.80	...
Pacific Basin	139.30	146.70	+3.00	...
European	169.40	178.40	+0.50	...
Property	187.00	196.90	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	208.00	219.00	+1.50	...
Index Linked	155.30	163.50	...	...
Cash	190.40	200.50	+0.20	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567				
GT Plan Far East	312.00	328.50	+4.50	...
GT Plan Wwide	432.00	454.80	+1.80	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628982				
Managed	182.90	192.40	+0.40	...
Unitised Profit	121.90	128.20	+0.20	...
UK Equity	245.30	258.10	+0.40	...
Fixed Int	179.80	189.20	+1.40	...
Index-Linked	155.80	163.90	...	...
Cash Deposit	167.00	175.70	+0.20	...
Property	163.50	172.00	+0.20	...
International	162.90	171.30	+0.30	...
American	144.00	151.40	-2.00	...
Japan	252.70	265.90	-1.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	259.10	272.70	-1.00	...
European	156.30	164.40	+1.70	...
Pacific Fund	219.00	230.40	+3.10	...
Conv Life	130.10	136.90	+0.30	...
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	641.90	641.90	-0.40	...
-do- Inv A	641.80	675.70	+0.40	...
UK Equity	366.40	385.80	-1.20	...
Gilt Plus	195.40	205.90	+0.90	...
Managed	280.20	295.00	+0.20	...
Inter Man	251.80	265.10	-1.30	...
GRESHAM UNIT 2-6 Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth 0202 752000				
Managed Bond	646.00	680.70	+1.60	...
Money Fund	302.10	318.00	+0.20	...
Equity Fund	551.70	581.30	-1.90	...
Fixed Interest	262.20	276.30	+0.90	...
Property Fund	334.60	352.60	+1.00	...
Gresham Framlington				
American & Genl	492.00	518.40	+21.20	...
Income	657.30	692.60	-6.10	...
International Gth	542.30	571.40	-2.30	...
Capital Fund	569.80	600.40	...	...
Recovery Fund	550.30	579.90	-4.30	...
Japan & General	277.10	292.00	+1.00	...
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange, London EC3. 071 283 7101				
Prop Bds	642.90	669.70	...	...
Managed Initial	417.20	439.20	+4.30	...
-do- Acc	575.40	605.70	+4.30	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Initial	609.10	641.10	+7.40	...
-do- Acc	840.00	884.20	+10.70	...
Fixed Int Initial	406.00	427.30	+2.00	...
-do- Acc	559.50	589.30	+3.00	...
Intl Initial	416.50	438.40	+1.80	...
-do- Acc	574.40	604.70	+2.50	...
Nth Amer Initial	169.80	178.70	-0.60	...
-do- Acc	213.10	224.30	-0.70	...
Pacific Initial	226.70	238.60	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	281.90	296.70	+0.80	...
Property Initial	149.90	157.80	...	...
-do- Acc	206.60	217.50	...	...
Index-Lnkd Initl	153.80	161.90	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	193.00	203.20	-0.10	...
Deposit Initial	193.30	203.50	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	266.60	280.60	+0.20	...
Euro Initial	83.00	87.40	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	96.30	101.40	+0.40	...
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 200939				
Managed	146.20	153.80	-0.80	...
-do- Pens	173.60	182.70	-1.20	...
UK Equity	144.30	151.80	-0.80	...
-do- Pens	158.70	167.00	+1.10	...
International	131.70	138.60	+0.80	...
-do- Pens	142.50	150.00	+0.90	...
Deposit	134.00	141.00	-0.10	...
-do- Pens	155.80	163.90	+0.20	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	343.80	365.80	-1.80	...
North America	311.70	331.70	-4.10	...
Far East Fund	540.70	575.30	+8.20	...
Global Managed	411.80	438.10	-2.10	...
Deposit Fund	218.80	230.40	-0.20	...
Prime Residential	124.70	131.30	...	...
European Fund	219.30	233.40	-0.30	...
Fixed Interest	67.10	71.40	+0.10	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	457.10	483.80	+4.90	...
British Fund	458.50	485.21	+2.40	...
International	461.40	488.30	+1.10	...
Dollar Fund	332.80	352.20	-3.50	...
Capital Fund	416.10	440.40	+1.60	...
Income Fund	617.60	653.60	+2.40	...
Property Series A	382.10	404.40	...	...
Property Units	619.00	650.00	...	...
Financial Fund	483.20	511.40	-3.30	...
Managed Ser A	484.80	513.10	+1.60	...
-do- C	275.90	292.00	...	...
Managed Units	865.90	911.50	+2.90	...
High Yield Fund	586.40	620.60	+1.60	...
Money Series A	274.40	290.40	-0.20	...
Money Units	361.50	380.60	-0.30	...
Equity Fund	548.50	580.50	+1.90	...
Fixed Interest	347.20	367.50	+2.50	...
Indexed Secs	172.20	182.30	+0.10	...
European Fund	632.60	669.50	+4.30	...
Natural Res	249.90	264.50	-1.30	...
Far East Fund	565.70	598.70	-0.10	...
Smaller Cos	419.70	444.20	-0.60	...
Special Sits	403.40	426.90	+3.50	...
Man Currency	251.90	266.50	-0.10	...
Japanese Tech	263.40	278.80	-0.50	...
US Smaller Cos	198.00	209.60	-1.70	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 3TF. 0727 46181				
Global Managed	491.90	517.80	+2.30	...
Global Property	260.40	274.10	...	...
Global Fixed Int	470.00	494.70	+2.30	...
Global Equity	521.10	548.50	+2.10	...
Global Cash	203.30	214.00	+0.10	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371				
Gtd Mgd	451.20	474.90	+2.60	...
Property	412.50	434.20	+0.40	...
Managed	374.10	393.80	+0.30	...
American	366.90	386.20	-5.20	...
UK Equity Fd	403.20	424.40	+0.90	...
Japan	215.60	226.90	+0.60	...
Index-Lkd	176.80	186.10	-0.10	...
High Yield	749.40	788.80	+7.70	...
Growth Cap	405.90	427.30	+2.80	...
Money	394.10	404.30	-0.30	...
International	351.30	369.80	-0.60	...
Henderson Active	198.10	208.50	+1.50	...
Perpetual Active	287.70	302.80	+2.00	...
Growth Cap	405.90	427.30	+2.80	...
-do- Acc	581.50	611.60	+1.10	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 824000				
B Soc Lnkd Int	134.90	142.10	...	...
-do- Acc	177.60	187.00	+0.10	...
Brit Opps Int	127.50	134.30	-1.00	...
-do- Acc	151.20	159.20	+1.00	...
Cash Initial	166.60	175.40	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	274.20	288.70	+0.20	...
Equity Initial	539.10	620.30	+2.50	...
-do- Acc	969.40	1020.5	+4.10	...
Fixed Initial	338.10	355.90	+1.50	...
-do- Acc	556.40	585.70	+2.60	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	131.40	138.40	...	...
-do- Acc	184.50	194.30	...	...
Intl Initial	316.20	332.90	-1.80	...
-do- Acc	512.30	539.30	+2.80	...
Managed Initial	459.60	483.80	+1.90	...
-do- Acc	716.80	754.60	+3.30	...
Property Initial	187.40	197.30	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	308.30	324.60	-0.30	...
LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND 113 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5000				
Managed Fund	319.90	336.80	+0.90	...
UK Equity	529.60	557.50	+0.80	...
Property	275.50	290.00	-0.90	...
Money Market	241.10	253.80	-0.10	...
Fixed Interest	297.40	308.90	+1.60	...
Japan	402.10	423.30	+0.50	...
North America	148.70	156.60	-1.10	...
International	269.40	283.60	-0.80	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
European	235.70	248.20	+0.80	...
Far East	122.90	129.00	+1.40	...
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	£804.80	...	+2.40	...
Fixed Interest	£374.20	...	+2.10	...
Property	£342.90	...	+0.50	...
Deposit	£277.50	...	+0.20	...
Mixed	£528.30	...	+2.00	...
Indexed Stock	£200.70	...	...	...
International	£259.80	...	+1.70	...
Equity A	£187.20	...	+0.60	...
Fixed Int A	£166.40	...	+0.90	...
Property A	£151.10	...	+0.20	...
Deposit A	£163.50	...	+0.10	...
Mixed A	£174.00	...	+0.60	...
Index Stock A	£157.50	...	...	...
International A	£162.70	...	+1.00	...
Equity F	£650.10	...	+1.70	...
Fixed Int F	£481.10	...	-3.00	...
Property F	£224.00	...	+0.50	...
Deposit F	£321.90	...	+0.40	...
Mixed F	£477.00	...	+2.10	...
Index Stock F	£229.90	...	...	...
International F	£295.50	...	+2.60	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282454				
Inv Trust Cap	£536.90	...	+5.10	...
-do- Acc	£840.60	...	+8.70	...
Property Cap	£158.40	...	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	£237.50	...	-0.10	...
Fxd Interest Cap	£193.40	...	+1.10	...
-do- Acc	£294.10	...	+2.00	...
Equity Cap	£298.90	...	+1.00	...
-do- Acc	£459.40	...	+2.00	...
Intnatl Cap	£225.40	...	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	£343.20	...	+1.40	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	£170.10	...	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	£256.20	...	-0.10	...
Flexible Cap	£329.50	...	+1.10	...
-do- Acc	£505.30	...	+2.00	...
Moneymaker Fd	£397.40	...	+1.60	...
Capital Growth	£1465.3	...	+6.70	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	380.00	399.00	-1.30	...
Amer Rec Bond	430.60	452.20	-6.10	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	207.10	217.50	-0.30	...
Australasia Bd	180.40	189.50	-2.00	...
Commodity Bond	238.90	250.90	+0.20	...
Deposit Bond Acc	345.40	362.70	+0.20	...
Equity Bond Acc	1263.5	1326.8	+5.80	...
European Bd Acc	302.60	317.70	-1.70	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	621.30	652.40	-2.70	...
Far East Bd Acc	271.00	284.70	-7.60	...
Gilt Bond Acc	401.50	421.70	+2.50	...
Gold Bond Acc	122.60	128.90	-6.30	...
High Yield Bond	307.50	323.00	+1.10	4.29
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	199.20	209.20	...	...
International Bd	661.20	694.30	+0.10	...
Japan Bond Acc	275.70	289.50	+0.10	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	253.70	266.50	-0.90	...
Managed Bonds	757.00	794.90	+1.20	...
Prop Bond Acc	298.20	313.20	+0.30	...
Rec Bond Acc	655.50	688.40	+9.30	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	207.60	218.60	-0.80	...
UK Equity Acc	278.10	292.80	+1.30	...
Special Sits	86.00	90.60	+0.10	...
Special Sits Acc	115.20	121.30	+0.20	...
North American	174.10	183.30	-1.90	...
N American Acc	233.30	245.60	-2.30	...
Pacific Basin	336.10	353.80	+4.10	...
Pacific Basin Acc	450.10	473.80	+5.80	...
Fixed Interest	278.70	293.40	+1.20	...
Fixed Interest Acc	373.70	393.40	+1.90	...
Property	151.30	159.30	...	...
Property Acc	202.20	213.00	+0.20	...
Deposit	151.80	159.80	+0.10	...
Deposit Acc	204.10	214.90	+0.20	...
Managed	238.20	250.80	+1.00	...
Managed Acc	294.20	309.70	+1.40	...
MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	628.60	661.70	+2.40	...
Property Fund	476.90	502.00	+0.60	...
Equity Fund	772.70	813.40	+6.30	...
Gilt Edged Fd	558.90	588.30	+3.50	...
Deposit Fund	314.90	331.50	+0.30	...
Investment Fd	326.50	342.80	+2.70	...
International	519.40	546.70	-3.50	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS 91 Wimpole Street, London W1M 7DA Admin: 0272 266366 Prices: 081 789 2945 or 0272 752297				
Property	393.60	414.30	+0.20	...
Equity Bond	306.30	322.40	+0.60	...
Money Mrkt Bd	507.10	533.70	+3.30	...
Deposit Fund	361.20	380.20	+0.40	...
Managed Fund	425.30	447.60	-1.30	...
Intl Equity	508.80	535.90	+2.40	...
Intl Managed	475.80	500.80	+2.00	...
North American	193.40	203.70	-2.40	...
Far East	388.90	409.30	+4.60	...
Intl Currency	209.30	220.90	+1.70	...
NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	131.60	138.50	+1.30	...
Fixed Interest	490.00	515.70	+1.90	...
Managed	630.50	663.60	+5.10	...
Deposit	323.40	340.40	-0.20	...
Property	373.70	393.30	+0.20	...
American	381.30	401.30	-0.90	...
Australian	416.80	438.70	+1.20	...
European	457.30	481.30	-9.00	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	245.50	258.40	+0.90	...
Global Managed	127.80	134.50	+1.10	...
Income Acc	696.00	732.60	-19.50	...
-do- Dist	431.20	456.00	-3.40	5.23
International	289.90	304.10	-1.80	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Japan Smaller	519.60	546.90	+6.30	...
Singapore & Mal	286.90	302.00	+5.90	...
Smaller Cos	356.60	375.30	+1.10	...
Tokyo Fund	694.10	730.60	+5.20	...
UK Equity	543.70	572.30	+2.80	...
CCM Vangd Mg	659.00	693.60	+3.40	...
Equity Pens Cap	886.60	933.20	+10.20	...
NPI 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Managed	425.30	447.70	+0.40	...
UK Equity	523.80	551.40	+0.50	...
Overseas Equity	429.70	452.40	-0.50	...
American	375.70	395.50	-2.50	...
Far East	488.00	513.70	+5.00	...
Property	195.50	205.80	-0.10	...
Fixed Interest	337.50	355.30	+1.60	...
Indexed Gilt	216.00	227.40	+0.10	...
Deposit	205.90	216.80	+0.10	...
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 140, Norwich NR3 1PP 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	1229.4	1294.1	+5.20	...
Equity Fund	2666.1	2805.4	+12.30	...
Property Fd	445.70	469.20	+0.50	...
Fixed Int Fd	553.30	582.40	-3.30	...
Deposit Fund	329.70	347.10	-0.40	...
Intl Fund	210.70	221.80	+0.70	...
PEARL ASSURANCE Pearl House, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough PE3 6SA. 0733 63212				
Inv Prop Dist	140.60	148.10	+0.10	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	267.90	282.00	+0.40	...
Inv Equity	1058.8	1114.6	+2.60	...
Inv Managed	739.50	778.40	+2.50	...
Ret Managed	815.10	858.00	+2.40	...
PROLIFIC LIFE & PENSIONS LTD Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4UB 0539 733733				
Bal Gwth Mngd	698.70	743.30	+3.50	...
Cash Fund	322.20	339.60	+0.30	...
Property Fund	218.70	232.70	...	...
Equity Fund	803.50	854.80	+5.30	...
Fxd Interest Fund	422.90	445.70	+1.80	...
International	360.90	384.00	+3.00	...
High Income	627.20	667.30	+1.50	...
Far East	497.90	529.70	+8.70	...
North American	467.20	497.10	-2.50	...
Special Sits	568.40	604.70	+3.10	...
Technology	446.70	475.30	-3.70	...
Extra Income Fd	336.60	358.10	+1.20	...
Gilt Fund	446.70	477.40	+1.10	...
European	130.00	138.40	+1.20	...
Adventurous Mg	184.20	193.90	+1.60	...
Secure Mgd	131.50	139.90	+0.10	...
Equity Inc Dist	110.70	117.80	+0.50	4.75
North American	104.90	111.20	+0.60	5.44
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	267.60	282.30	+1.10	...
Fxd Interest Acc	224.70	234.70	+1.60	...
International Acc	235.30	249.30	-3.60	...
Managed Acc	199.30	210.20	+1.20	...
Property Acc	219.50	231.60	...	...
Money Acc	146.90	155.00	+0.10	...
Spec Mkt Acc	194.10	204.80	+2.80	...
Japan Equity Acc	130.40	137.60	+1.50	...
N Amer Acc	149.30	152.50	-1.70	...
Pacific Acc	145.30	153.30	+2.40	...
European Acc	130.40	137.60	-0.70	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP 0438 739000				
Managed Ord	416.30	438.20	+0.70	...
Managed Initial	294.60	310.10	+0.30	...
Equity Ord	622.20	654.90	+0.80	...
Equity Init	440.30	463.50	+0.30	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	193.90	204.10	+0.10	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	143.30	150.80	-0.10	...
Overs Equity Ord	335.70	353.40	+0.80	...
Overs Equity Init	237.50	250.00	+0.50	...
Property Ord	227.10	239.10	+0.90	...
Property Init	160.70	169.20	-0.50	...
Fixed Int Ord	259.30	272.90	+1.10	...
Fixed Int Init	183.50	193.20	+0.70	...
Deposit Ord	196.50	206.80	+0.10	...
Deposit Initial	139.10	146.40	...	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 071 405 9222				
Managed	301.70	314.30	+1.40	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 071 548 3278				
Managed Fund	670.20	705.50	+0.70	...
Equity Fund	1303.4	1372.1	+2.40	...
Intl Fund	526.20	553.90	-0.20	...
Fixed Interest	536.30	564.60	+2.70	...
Property Fund	376.60	396.50	...	...
Cash Fund	348.90	367.30	+0.20	...
Pacific Basin	299.30	315.10	+3.30	...
N American Fd	207.30	218.30	-3.60	...
Euro Fund	220.60	232.30	+0.20	...
Balanced Fund	135.20	142.40	+0.10	...
Strategic Fund	139.70	147.10	-0.10	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (45)	£662.00	...	+11.70	...
-do- Acc	434.00	456.30	+6.10	...
Op Prop	413.10	434.90	-0.10	...
Op Equity	893.90	941.00	+3.00	...
Op High Yield	525.40	553.10	+2.00	...
Op Managed	746.70	786.00	+5.00	...
Op Deposit	375.00	394.80	+0.40	...
Amer Smaller	...	...	...	...
Extra Inc	...	...	...	...
Gold Gen	...	...	...	...
Inc Gth	275.10	292.70	-0.50	...
Japan Perf	...	...	...	...
Japan Smlr	244.50	267.90	+0.40	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Natl High	...	...	...	...
Prop Shs	...	...	...	...
Managed Gth	233.60	245.90	+1.00	...
Gilt	77.90	82.00	-0.20	...
Amer (35.34)	...	...	...	...
British	323.10	340.20	-14.10	...
Global Bond	114.00	120.00	+0.70	...
Global (35.34)	150.10	158.00	+0.70	...
Gold Share	65.30	68.80	-1.80	...
High Income	273.10	287.50	+10.50	...
Income	395.70	416.60	+4.60	...
Japan	434.50	457.40	+1.10	...
UK Smlr Cos	294.30	309.80	+13.90	...
Mngd Growth	408.50	430.00	+1.00	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	870.20	920.80	+2.00	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	348.20	366.50	+0.70	...
Equity Fund	473.00	497.80	-6.00	...
Property Fund	254.00	267.30	-0.40	...
International	416.10	437.50	+0.50	...
Pacific Basin	264.10	278.00	-6.50	...
United States	219.90	231.40	...	...
Gilt Fund	330.40	347.70	+1.20	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	670.50	709.60	+3.90	...
Deposit Fund (2)	350.40	370.80	+0.30	...
Gilt Fund	473.10	500.70	+1.30	...
Global Equity Fd	206.50	218.60	+1.20	...
Property Fund (46)	89.40	94.70	...	...
AG Bond Fund	139.50	147.70	+1.10	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041 248 2323				
Equity	508.70	535.50	+6.60	...
Fixed Interest	335.60	353.30	+3.40	...
Index-Linked	185.50	195.30	+0.10	...
International	403.00	424.30	+2.10	...
Property	239.40	252.00	...	...
Cash	220.00	231.60	-0.20	...
Managed	406.80	428.30	+4.10	...
Cap Gteed Bd	99.50	104.80	+1.00	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	172.52	181.60	+0.14	...
Index-Linked	150.90	158.80	-0.10	...
Fixed Interest	168.30	177.20	+0.80	...
Mixed	226.20	238.10	+1.70	...
UK Equity	214.50	225.80	+0.90	...
International	229.00	241.00	+1.80	...
American	233.40	245.70	-1.30	...
Japan	250.80	264.00	-0.20	...
European	210.20	221.30	+2.10	...
Pacific	320.70	337.60	+1.10	...
Technology	301.90	317.80	+0.90	...
Currency/Currency	219.40	230.90	+2.10	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031 225 2211				
Property	174.20	183.50	+0.20	...
UK Equity	319.30	336.20	+3.20	...
American	226.50	238.50	-2.90	...
Pacific	315.20	331.80	+3.30	...
European	403.00	424.40	+4.00	...
International	275.30	289.80	+1.90	...
Fixed Interest	226.70	238.80	+1.30	...
Index Linked	187.50	197.40	+0.10	...
Deposit	184.30	194.10	+0.10	...
Managed	255.80	269.30	+2.00	...
Worldwide	110.20	116.10	+0.50	...
Pen Worldwide	114.50	121.00	+0.30	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (39)	1437.8	1482.3	...	...
Safety Fund	215.50	226.90	+2.00	...
Growth Fund	206.00	216.90	+1.70	...
Opportunity Fd	204.10	214.90	+1.90	...
Cash Fund	166.40	175.20	+0.20	...
European Fund	301.50	317.40	+3.90	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	180.90	190.50	+0.60	...
Index-Linked Fd	173.50	182.70	+0.20	...
International Fd	256.30	269.80	-2.10	...
North American	220.80	232.50	-4.40	...
Property Fund	115.00	121.10	...	...
UK Equity	218.20	229.70	+3.50	...
UK Smaller	199.90	210.50	+0.60	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 9181				
Mixed	237.60	250.20	+1.40	...
Equity	250.50	263.60	+0.90	...
International	248.30	261.40	+2.10	...
Property	195.00	205.40	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	206.30	217.20	-0.10	...
Index Linked	171.40	180.60	+0.20	...
Cash	179.10	188.60	+0.10	...
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	845.90	845.90	+3.30	...
Inv Pol 2	771.60	812.30	+3.20	...
Inv Pol 3	742.80	782.00	+3.00	...
Inv Cash	298.10	313.80	+0.20	...
Mixed Fund	406.10	427.60	+3.00	...
Equity Fund	496.90	523.20	+4.30	...
Property Fund	203.60	214.40	...	...
International Fd	424.80	447.30	+2.60	...
Fixed Interest Fd	343.90	362.10	+2.70	...
Indexed Stock Fd	188.00	198.00	+0.30	...
Cash Fund	217.00	228.50	+0.20	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	338.20	355.90	+5.50	...
Equity Acc	380.10	400.10	+3.20	...
International Acc	315.00	332.20	+3.62	...
Property	206.00	216.80	+0.30	...
Recal Trust Mgr	215.50	226.80	+1.20	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Cash	256.50	270.10	+0.20	...
Equity	885.70	932.40	+11.80	...
European	142.00	149.50	+2.50	...
Far East	152.00	160.10	-0.90	...
Fixed Interest	367.60	387.00	+3.10	...
Index Linked	196.30	206.70	+0.10	...
International	545.30	574.10	+3.20	...
Managed	622.60	655.40	+6.80	...
Nth American	137.20	144.50	-1.40	...
Property	307.30	323.50	+1.90	...
Pensions				
Cash	393.30	414.10	+0.30	...
Equity	1249.7	1315.5	+10.00	...
European	167.20	176.00	-2.20	...
Far East	119.70	126.10	...	...
Fixed Interest	489.40	515.20	+3.30	...
Index Linked	271.70	286.00	+0.10	...
International	758.00	797.90	+1.80	...
Managed	856.00	901.10	+5.10	...
Nth American	169.40	178.40	-2.70	...
Property	387.60	408.00	+0.60	...
Stock Exchange	193.50	203.70	+1.30	...
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 0403 232323				
Managed Fund	577.50	607.90	+2.20	...
Equity Fund	768.70	809.20	+3.60	...
Fixed Interest Fd	386.80	407.20	+1.70	...
Index-Linked Fd	290.00	305.30	+0.10	...
Property Fund	414.20	436.00	-0.30	...
International Fd	539.70	589.20	-0.90	...
N American Fd	210.20	221.30	-0.50	...
Far East Fund	195.00	205.30	+4.40	...
Deposit Fund	280.70	295.50	+0.20	...
International Bd	£76.14	...	+1.35	...
Worldwide Bond	155.50	163.70	+1.10	...
Worldwide Fixd	78.80	83.00	+0.10	...
Worldwide Tech	93.60	98.60	...	...
European	136.60	143.80	+1.30	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	569.70	599.80	+2.80	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	393.70	423.90	...	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund	£473.40	...	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	£444.20	...	+0.40	...
Agricultural Fd	£758.50	...	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	£728.80	...	+0.60	...
Abbey Nat Fd	£379.70	...	+0.30	...
Abbey Nat Acc	£403.20	...	+0.30	...
Investment Fd	£306.30	...	+1.20	...
Investment (A)	£293.60	...	+1.00	...
Equity	£1110.2	...	+4.90	...
Equity Acc	£1066.7	...	+4.70	...
Money Fund	£444.60	...	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	£426.40	...	+0.40	...
Actuarial Fd	£519.80	...	+1.70	...
Gilt-Edged Fd	£360.70	...	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	£380.70	...	+1.40	...
Retire Annuity	£982.60	...	...	...
Immed Annuity	£299.00	...	...	...
Bldg Soc Life	£215.30	...	+0.10	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basing View, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
Growth Account	£1291.1	...	+9.90	...
Managed Acc	£747.80	...	+3.50	...
Equity Account	£1054.7	...	+5.70	...
Mngd Fund Acc	346.80	365.00	+1.60	...
Equity Fund Acc	464.80	489.30	+2.60	...
Prop Fund Acc	220.00	231.60	-1.70	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	281.10	295.90	+0.60	...
Money Fund Acc	211.30	222.40	+0.10	...
Indx-Lnk Scs Ac	197.60	208.00	-0.20	...
Pers Pens Acct	£1641.2	...	+13.60	...
Pens Mngd Acc	763.20	803.30	+6.70	...
Pens Guarantee	221.80	233.50	...	...
Pens Equity	289.40	304.60	+0.70	...
Pens Property	236.00	248.40	-3.80	...
Pens Fixed Int	252.10	266.40	+2.50	...
Pens Intl	218.20	229.60	+5.60	...
Pens Money	222.10	233.80	...	...
Pens Indx-Lnkd	185.30	195.10	+0.30	...
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272 426911				
Managed Acc	790.40	832.10	+5.90	...
Property Acc	296.00	311.60	+0.60	...
Equity Acc	1284.4	1352.0	+10.50	...
Fixed Int Acc	361.00	380.00	+2.60	...
Index-Linked Acc	194.20	204.50	+0.20	...
Cash Acc	294.50	310.00	+0.20	...
Amer Equity Acc	329.50	346.90	-4.30	...
Japan Acc	312.10	328.60	+1.80	...
Pacific Acc	294.00	309.50	+6.60	...
Far Eastern Acc	715.70	753.40	+15.80	...
International Acc	505.00	531.60	+4.90	...
Distribution Fund	267.90	282.10	+0.40	0.65
European	157.00	165.30	-1.40	...
TSB LIFE LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE 0264 345678				
Managed Fund	254.00	267.40	+0.50	...
Property Fund	181.10	190.70	-0.10	...
Fixed Interest Fd	207.90	218.90	+1.00	...
Money Fund	190.40	200.50	+0.10	...
Equity Fund	330.70	348.20	+0.70	...
TARGET LIFE The Exchange, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 394000				
Deposit	238.90	251.50	+0.30	...
Financial Ser 1	41.20	43.10	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	314.00	330.60	+0.20	...
Gold	75.60	79.60	-2.10	...
Managed	545.80	574.60	+0.90	...
Mngd Growth	171.00	180.10	+0.30	...
Mngd Opp	179.30	188.80	+0.50	...
Property	251.60	264.90	+4.10	...
Residential Prop	91.70	96.60	...	...
TSB American	185.20	195.00	-0.80	...
TSB Brit Gwth	726.10	764.40	+10.00	...
TSB European	232.40	244.70	-3.50	...
TSB Income	349.20	367.60	+2.20	...
TSB Intl	378.10	398.10	+1.70	...
TSB Intl Inc	273.50	288.00	-0.30	...
TSB Pacific	343.70	361.80	+1.60	...
TSB Prem Inc	238.80	249.60	+2.70	...

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Banking on fair play on fees



COMMENT

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WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

Every day, another hint that charges are on the way for bank customers who remain in credit. A report here, an aside there, a hint elsewhere, all make for a slow drip torture technique. The banks hope we will almost be relieved when the first of the main players is brave enough to make the announcement that it will charge customers who do not overdraw.

This week, it has been the turn of Abbey National and Nationwide, which led the way with paying interest on current accounts, to make it clear that it will soon be the customers' turn to pay again. Last week, it was Midland, and before that National Westminster.

Abbey National stresses that it has not made the decision to charge customers who run their accounts down to a few pounds or even pence each month. It has, however, taken the wise precaution of beginning to train staff in the way such charges might be levied.

Midland introduced free banking, when in credit, in 1984, and won a lot of customers. Nationwide introduced the FlexAccount in 1987, and took many disgruntled bank accounts from the Big Four before they introduced their own current accounts paying interest.

Save & Prosper, which estimates that the cost of running an account is £45 a year, began charging customers who fall below £1,000 in their accounts a monthly fee of £5 from February. Their customers tend to have larger balances than the mainstream banks so there have been no screams of horror from them. The bank compensated with higher interest on credit balances so that those who dip below briefly will not lose out too badly.

Abbey National this week put the cost of running a current account at £75 a year. The bank says the cost of cash and cheques moving round the banking system is £4.5 billion a year. With the current low interest rates, the banks and building societies are not able to make windfall profits on money in transmission or in current accounts. They must count themselves lucky, though, that more customers have not opted to earn interest on their current account balances.

However, it is fear of bank charges that has prevented many abstainers from signing up for interest. The charges are usually heavier on accounts that pay interest when they move into the red. And they can be staggering.

Everyone can tell a story of a customer who went only pence into the red for minutes and was charged pounds, if not tens of pounds. This is because only a small proportion of customers actually overdraw. The majority finetune their spending to avoid it. In some cases, 20 per cent of customers pay the costs for all customers.

The banks accept they have to improve their service to customers first of all and any charges have to be readily understandable and fair so that those customers who use most facilities pay more. It will not be acceptable if the banks see charges as an opportunity to increase their profits so that at a stroke the vast majority of customers at every bank pay more.

Lack of help

Blood continues to be wrung very slowly out of the stone of private companies asked to help fund independent debt advice. With a few exceptions, financial institutions remain reluctant to put their hands in their pockets.

The trustees of the Money Advice Trust, the charity set up to channel funds for debt advice from the private sector, report that the sector's giving "remains well short" of the £3 million a year set by the charity in 1990. More than £1 million was raised in donations in cash and in kind, less than half the target. This is 35 per cent more than last year, but 35 per cent of a little is still a little.

Allied Dunbar, NatWest, Barclays, Lloyds, TSB, the Nationwide, the Bradford and Bingley, the Halifax, the Woolwich, British Gas and Marks and Spencer — stand up and be congratulated. All are supporting debt advice projects. But where are all the other institutions that lent so freely in the late 1980s and are now seeing the results in repossessions, arrears and evictions?

Building societies, many of which appeared to forget the meaning of "prudent lending" during the housing boom, are some of the most reluctant to contribute. They say their own staff are trained to help people getting into difficulties and they would rather spend money on this.

Unfortunately, however keen building society staff are to help, they tend to advise on how to cope with mortgage repayments in isolation, rather than getting a complete picture of a borrower's debts. This is not helpful. Most borrowers in arrears on their mortgage are also behind on other bills. These people need experienced money advisers with no axe to grind to help them back on the tracks.

When insurance fails to cover a disaster

BY LINDSAY COOK AND SARA MCCONNELL

THE sight of a hotel slipping into the sea, after more than 100 years standing proudly on the Scarborough coastline, was worrying for many owners of seafront homes who, upon checking their buildings policies, found that they could lose all and receive no compensation if their bit of the coast was eroded. Too often, people only find out that they are not covered for disasters or expensive accidents after the event. Weekend Money tells you when the insurance companies will not pay out. Every time a policy is renewed new exclusions are added and may catch out the unwary. Some relate to changes of lifestyle, while others are the result of increased claims or court rulings. Few exclusions are ever removed.

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On the edge: the Holbeck Hall Hotel sliding into the sea at Scarborough made people check the natural disaster cover of insurance policies

MANY policies exclude damage caused by river or coastal erosion for both buildings and contents. For the owners of properties surrounding Holbeck Hall Hotel, and those along the rest of the coastline, it is time to consult buildings and contents policies.

Those who included such damage in the past may now exclude it. Hundreds of thousands of Abbey National borrowers, who have buildings cover arranged by the bank, are being told on renewal this year that an exclusion for coastal or river damage has been added to the policy. Subsidence, ground heave or landslip are covered, although customers have to foot the first £1,000 of a bill. The difference, according to insurers, is that coastal erosion is a certainty, and that is why some policies will not insure properties against falling into the sea.

Strong winds are a certainty and homeowners may find that they are not covered for damage caused by gales. If a garden fence, hedge or gate is blown over or damaged by a falling tree, policies are likely not to pay out. If a chimney is blown off during storms and damages a car it will depend on whether its owner can

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prove negligence. If the chimney was in good repair, then damage will not be paid for.

Damage by falling satellite dishes is now being excluded by some policies. If a dish falls or is blown off a building and wrecks the conservatory roof many insurers will not pay out. If the dish was badly fixed and damages something belonging to a neighbour, then the company may pay out.

Swimming pools, tennis courts, ornamental pools and septic tanks may also have limited cover, but more and more policies are protecting proud gardeners against plant thieves. Bushes, shrubs and other prized specimens can be covered for theft or damage, as can statues or gnomes.

Buildings policies do not cover rusting, corrosion or general wear and tear. This is because they do not offer maintenance cover. However, if a pipe springs a leak as a result of corrosion, the subsequent damage should be covered. The cost of digging up floors or paths to find the source of the leak is likely to be down to the homeowner, though. If the leak was caused by faulty workmanship the first £1,000 or more of the repairs may not be covered.

Because water damage becomes greater the longer it goes undetected, homes unoccupied for 30 days or more will not usually be covered on standard buildings and contents policies. There is also greater risk of arson, malicious damage and burglary. Anyone planning a long holiday, or who cannot sell an empty property, needs to check the terms and conditions of their policies and see if cover stops during lengthy absences. They can then sort out what can be covered and what conditions have to be adhered to. Daily inspection by neighbours may satisfy an insurer, so long as the Picasso and Georgian silver are in safe custody elsewhere, and the water turned off at the mains. Stronger locks may also be required.

CLAIMS made against motor policies for items stolen are likely to be even more limited than those on a holiday policy. It is not uncommon for theft claims to be limited to £50 for car accessories. In one case, a mother could not claim for the safety seat and toys taken from the back seat of her car because they were not covered

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by the policy. They cost £164 to replace and the policy paid nothing. The items could be covered under the all-risks section of a household policy. Car owners who restrict the number of drivers of their vehicle may find that they cannot claim if someone else drives the car, with permission, and has a prang. Many believe that their own comprehensive cover allows them to drive any car. The insurance only covers the bare necessities under the Road Traffic Act and not damage to the vehicle.

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INSURANCE companies insist that the holidaymaker should not relax so much that their possessions are easy targets for thieves, and may suspect that a lost cash or camera did not exist. To ensure that insurers' suspicions do not get in the way of a payout, receipts need to be kept together with a record of cash withdrawals.

It is difficult for holidaymakers on the move to keep items secure. Some policies will pay out for items stolen from a glove compartment or boot, but not those left visible in a car. Others will refuse to pay out at all for a car left unattended.

Taking reasonable care extends to the beach and the swimming pool. Watches and cameras should not be left unattended and expensive items of jewellery should either be worn or put in the hotel safe. The single item limit on most holiday policies is £250.

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SOME goods bought with a credit or charge card are automatically insured by issuers for up to 100 days if they are lost, stolen or accidentally damaged. But those buying live animals, plants, boats, cars or caravans should not set too much store by this as they will normally not be covered. Insurers know they run a high risk of having to pay out for their loss, death or theft in the three months after purchase. For the same reason, cars and cash are not covered. Damage or loss to these should be covered either by a motor or contents policy.

Jewellery or other valuables will normally only be covered if they were being carried in hand luggage, either by the cardholder or someone he or she knows. Similarly, cardholders buying by mail order will only be covered when the purchases arrive, not if they get lost in the post on the way. The cover is intended for inanimate but sometimes expensive items like china, glassware or clothes. Card issuers say they can come to the rescue in replacing expensive teasets dropped on the way home or expensive dresses ruined by red wine at a Christmas party. Barclaycard, which will pay to replace purchases of between £50 and £15,000 in the first 100 days after purchase, said most claims were made for items which people had either just bought and had not had time to put on their insurance, or that they would not have insured anyway. Bicycles are a popular item to claim for.

The cover is seen by card issuers as a last resort, if a cardholder cannot claim on any other insurance policy.

The minimum and maximum purchase prices of goods covered vary, as do the number of days cardholders have to claim.

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DIVORCING couples should not count on their legal expenses cover to pay legal bills. Matrimonial disputes are excluded from legal expenses policies after companies experienced huge rises in claims.

Legal expenses cover is normally sold as an optional extra to motor or household insurance policies for an additional £6 to £20 a year. It will cover legal advice costs as well as offering facilities such as helplines.

However, most policies will not pay out for legal costs incurred as a result of a business dispute or contract other than contract of employment. Insurers also draw the line at disputes over securities and share dealings, patent or intellectual property disputes and libel cases. Insurers are reluctant to get drawn into disputes with their competitors and so will not cover disputes with rival insurers.

Extra vigilance locks out trouble

THOSE who have had security locks fitted to windows and doors should use them even in the hottest weather. A growing number of policies require window locks to be fitted to all downstairs windows, and used. If a burglar enters a home by an unlocked window many insurers will not pay out. Policyholders who have a 5 to 15 per cent discount on contents premiums for burglar alarms or security locks must use them or they risk no payout in the event of a burglary.

Locks or no locks, invited visitors, lodgers or tradesmen who steal items are not usually covered. Those planning to take in a lodger or have building work done on their homes should tell the insurer and they may remain covered. However, a light-fingered house guest will not generally be covered. Before throwing open a house or garden, the small print of the contents policy needs examining or valuables locked away.

If the guests bring a dog that chews up a rug or scratches the furniture, the damage can usually be claimed for. But damage by mice or other uninvited guests may be excluded from policies.

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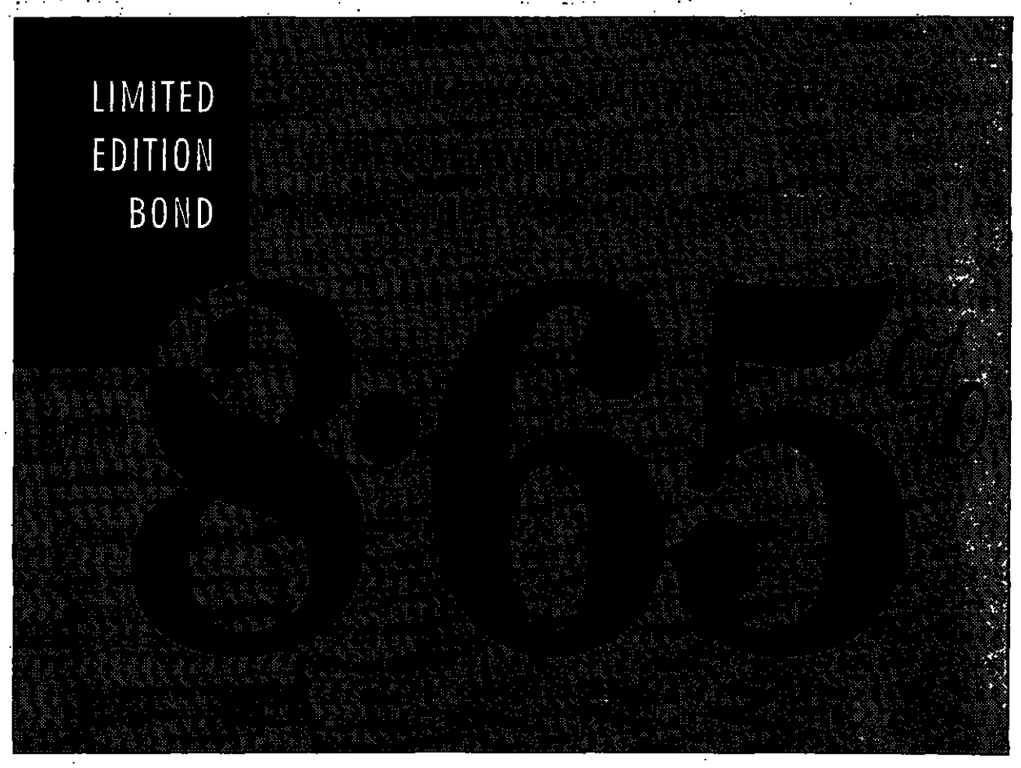
And while damage by a resident pooch will often not be covered by a standard contents or buildings policy, any pet insurance policy should pay out and pet owners with accidental damage cover will also be compensated.

Insurers have toughened up their stance on paying out for a whole suite if only one part is damaged. Owners may argue that they would not have an ill-matching suite in their bathroom or sitting room, but this will not move most insurers. The insurance ombudsman has backed this stance. It may be possible to reach an acceptable compromise. It will depend on the extent and cause of the damage and the cost of the replacement.

Most contents policies cover owners for the replacement cost, however old the items concerned are. This can cause problems for people who buy, say a second-hand piano, and would never be able to afford a new one. In one case, a policyholder who owned a second-hand baby grand had a claim for theft of other items from his home scaled down as he was under insured. The insurer said the owner should have insured the piano for the cost of replacing it with a new one. This was many times the price paid for the instrument. In most cases of under insurance the company will scale down the claim, but it is entitled to make no pay out at all. People buying second-hand furniture need to establish that they will be fully covered in the event of a claim.

Age also has an impact on freezer cover. Most policies will not cover the contents of freezers that are above a certain age. This may be as old as 15 years, but can be sooner. A power cut will be covered usually, unless it is the result of industrial action. Then, the insurer may argue that the loss is avoidable. If the supply is cut off because a bill has not been paid there is no payout.

Cyclists need to keep their machines locked up at home and away. To claim on household policies for a stolen bicycle the owner will normally have to show that it was locked to a permanent fixture such as a lamp post or railings.



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Astec (BSR)	10	33.5	23.5	235.00
Gresham Telecom	9	29	20	222.22
Sleepy Kids	9.5	30	20.5	215.79
Hunsleigh Tech	283	893	610	215.55
Rodime	4	12.5	8.5	212.50
First Technology	31	93	62	200.00
Filofax Group	25	74	49	196.00
Exp Co of Louisiana	32	92	60	187.50
News Intl RV	270	722	452	167.41
Park Food Group	72	188	116	161.11
Perpetual	84	215	131	155.95
Proteus Intl	170.24	427	256.76	150.82
Telemetrix	30.5	74	43.5	142.62
Tie Rack	27	65	38	140.74
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Clear-up of rogue home income plans disappoints

BY SARA MCCONNELL



Surprised at Fimbra delay: Trevor and Joan Lawrence are pleased about the fine

THE Securities and Investments Board (SIB) admitted this week that attempts to co-ordinate the handling of complaints from investors with home income plans investing in bonds had been "disappointing in practice". It admitted that "only a handful" of cases had been solved through a "one-stop shop" procedure, introduced in March 1992.

Nearly half the 120 cases that have gone through this system are still under investigation, three years after regulators warned their members of the dangers of such plans and two years after the sale of the plans was outlawed.

The procedure was introduced when it became clear that investors were having to complain to several bodies because the plans were such complex packages. Thousands of elderly people were persuaded to mortgage their homes and invest the lump sum in an investment bond. Income from the bond was supposed to cover the cost of monthly mortgage repayments and give a monthly income on top. Many people have lost capital through the bonds, which will not even pay off the mortgage each month. House prices have also dropped.

Many of the plans were sold by independent financial advisers regulated by the Financial Intermediaries Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra) under the Financial Services Act (FSA). Building societies also became involved because the plans necessitated taking out a mortgage to provide a lump sum for investment. Mortgage lending is not covered under the FSA. The lump sum was normally put into an investment bond, often run by an insurance company. Investors who took out plans through Fimbra-registered advisers were told to complain to Fimbra, which would then co-ordinate all the other bodies.

However, of the 120 cases, only 67 have gone through. Of these, nine have been settled, either through arbitration or before. About half of the 67 cases have been sent to the Investors' Compensation Scheme because firms selling the plans went into default, meaning the ICS was their only hope of compensation. Some of these people will have been compensated, SIB said. A handful of the 67 cases were rejected, or withdrawn. The remaining 50-plus cases are still going through Fimbra's arbitration scheme. This scheme has the power to award investors compensation, but cannot do so if firms are in default. About £23 million has been paid or offered in total to more than 1,900 investors.

SIB said disputes between the institutions involved were the main reason for the delays. Building societies have been particularly reluctant to accept responsibility for lending money to elderly people, mostly on fixed incomes. Seven of the 22 societies involved, including National Counties and West Bromwich, have refused to consent to a voluntary extension of the building societies ombudsman's jurisdiction to enable him to consider home income plan cases. SIB said this week. Nine have agreed, four are co-operating on a case-by-case basis and two say they have not yet received sufficient information on complaints for them to do so. Andrew Large, SIB chairman, said of the building societies' attitude: "We don't think this is a very satisfactory state of affairs."

SIB is now starting a "sweeping-up exercise" to get in contact with any remaining investors who have not complained. The regulator has produced a fact sheet explaining the characteristics of these plans. This is available through Citizens Advice Bureaux or through SIB, which has also set up a help desk for investors to decide whether they have grounds for complaint. Mr Large denied that this help had come too late and said: "We are looking to the future. We want to bring this to a close as soon as possible."

Some elderly investors are still trying to pursue companies selling these plans through the courts. In one case, 27 investors who took out plans with Sandy Park Financial Services, an appointed representative of DBS, have issued a writ in the High Court. DBS was last week fined £60,000 by Fimbra because of the activities of Sandy Park, but Ken Davy, chairman of DBS, said the company would continue to defend proceedings instituted against it. Neil Stevens, solicitor for the 27, said the fine would "strengthen our arm", although the court was not bound by Fimbra's decision. One couple named on the writ, Trevor and Joan Lawrence, said they were pleased at the news of the fine. Mr Lawrence said: "We are surprised that Fimbra has only done this after two years. Why did it take them so long?" The Lawrences reject DBS's claim that the risks of the plan were spelt out to them in writing. About 90 Sandy Park customers who have not joined their names to the writ, this week received letters from DBS telling them that they should take professional advice.

Zeneca puzzle for ICI holders

BY LIZ DOLAN

MORE than 300,000 ICI shareholders have just over a week in which to decide whether to buy extra shares in the company's new pharmaceuticals offshoot, Zeneca. The extra shares are offered in the form of a rights issue at what was supposed to be a bargain price. However, Zeneca's shares have fluctuated wildly over the past two weeks, falling at one stage to barely higher than the rights price, and fears have been expressed that many of the rights shares could be unsold by the June 21 deadline.

When ICI floated Zeneca on the stock market earlier this month, its shareholders were given an equal number of shares in the new company. In addition, it announced a rights issue to raise £1.3 billion. Zeneca's shareholders were offered five new shares for every 16 already held at 600p. Before official dealings began in the shares, their price on the unofficial "grey" market had reached 680p, and the rights shares looked very attractive. However, within days of Zeneca's stock market debut, the price had collapsed to 609p, a mere 0.4 per cent above the rights price. Zeneca shares have now recovered to about 616p, but are likely to stay volatile until the rights deadline has passed.

Shareholders who do not wish to buy the extra shares will be able to sell the rights to other investors. However, smaller shareholders may find that most, if not all, of the profit on the sale (the difference between the rights and market price) will go in dealing costs. Those who choose to take up their rights will not have to pay dealing costs.

Opinions on Zeneca's prospects are mixed, but most analysts consider that, once the shadow of the rights issue has been removed, the shares could rise quite strongly at first. At least one stockbroker recommends buying up to 702p. In addition, there is the question of Zeneca's generous dividend yield, which, at 5.7 per cent, is higher than that of most pharmaceutical companies, and more attractive than rates paid on savings on deposit.

As a major blue-chip company, ICI is a common component of equity portfolios. Some 25 per cent of the company's shares are therefore held by private investors, who account for virtually all the 306,000 registered shareholders. Because of the numbers involved, there is concern that a substantial proportion will not understand how rights issues work. British Airways has already encountered problems of this nature.

A helpline for Zeneca shareholders, on 0903 702627, is intended to explain technicalities of the issue, not to advise on whether to buy or sell.

Warburgs, a broker to the issue, says that it has been inundated by calls from regional stockbrokers worried about the legal situation for members of family trusts. Trust laws were unclear about the status of shares issued when companies split into separated quoted entities. If the shares count as income, they become the property of a lifetime inheritor. If capital, they have to be held in trust for the ultimate inheritor, commonly known as "the remainderman". When ICI sponsored a court case to clear up confusion, the judge decided that the shares should be treated as capital.

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1966	6,120	6,360	7,094	1,550	1,456	1,487	1,693
1967	7,224	7,728	7,610	2,150	2,331	2,424	2,439
1968	9,900	10,872	8,187	2,750	3,866	4,087	3,249
1969	8,256	9,252	8,872	3,350	3,766	4,022	4,148
1970	8,376	9,636	9,634	3,950	4,411	4,784	5,132
1971	12,696	15,036	10,437	4,550	7,452	8,236	6,186
1972	15,696	18,960	11,286	5,150	9,839	11,017	7,315
1973	11,832	14,496	12,395	5,750	7,869	8,878	8,667
1974	7,224	9,036	13,810	6,350	5,225	5,956	10,294
1975	16,164	20,760	15,373	6,950	12,446	14,446	12,095
1976	15,540	20,436	17,078	7,550	12,512	14,770	14,072
1977	24,696	33,288	18,939	8,150	20,559	24,739	16,241
1978	27,396	37,812	20,817	8,750	23,390	28,689	18,482
1979	28,476	40,176	23,434	9,350	24,848	31,022	21,448
1980	32,436	46,836	27,023	9,950	28,864	36,727	25,386
1981	37,464	55,488	30,688	10,550	33,929	44,107	29,470
1982	45,672	69,288	34,667	11,150	41,981	55,699	33,931
1983	65,964	102,180	38,362	11,750	61,304	82,815	38,180
1984	90,504	142,368	42,722	12,350	84,781	116,061	43,157
1985	112,968	180,180	48,189	12,950	106,466	147,530	49,323
1986	152,352	245,892	53,615	13,550	144,214	201,966	55,510
1987	184,248	300,696	59,392	14,150	174,961	247,537	62,125
1988	203,160	335,220	65,131	14,750	193,510	276,549	68,757
1989	257,076	428,544	73,382	15,350	245,483	354,160	78,117
1990	218,640	368,880	84,046	15,950	209,307	305,380	90,123
1991	226,320	387,120	93,554	16,550	217,187	321,009	100,945
1992	283,920	494,105	101,627	17,150	273,117	410,383	110,275
28.5.1993	327,120	573,826	104,189*	17,400	314,925	476,846	113,243*

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☐ The Bank of Scotland is offering a five-year fix at 8.99 per cent (APR 8.9 per cent). The maximum loan available is £400,000 and the bank will lend up to 95 per cent. An arrangement fee of £250 is levied and borrowers must arrange buildings cover through the bank.

☐ Save & Prosper reckons that its Classic Account Visa card is the cheapest way of obtaining cash when abroad, because it makes no charge for withdrawals from other Visa banks. S&P says that obtaining 4,000 French francs is £23 cheaper than the most expensive alternative. Cardholders can withdraw up to £500 a day using the card throughout the world.

☐ Sun Life of Canada has launched a will writing service to help those among its 400,000 policyholders who have not yet made a will to do so. The service, provided in conjunction with Hambro Legal Protection (Wills), is intended to complement its free guide to making a will.

☐ Barclays Stockbrokers is adding another two companies to its list of popular shares available through its low-cost share shop service. Zeneca and Northern Ireland Electricity will bring the total to 52 shares. These stocks can be dealt in for as little as £15 for bargains up to £750. Thereafter, commission is charged at 2 per cent. Families can pool shares in the same company and trade as one bargain at no extra charge, provided they have the same surname and address.

☐ Northern Rock has launched a guaranteed monthly income bond paying 7.25 per cent gross a year until June 1995. The account requires a minimum investment of £5,000 and will take sums up to £500,000. No withdrawals will be allowed during the two-year period. When it matures, the money will become instant access but will be guaranteed to pay 5 per cent gross above the basic savings rate.

☐ A bond that invests partly in a unitised with-profits fund and partly in a range of unit-linked funds has been launched by National Provident Institution (NPI). Investors in the Balanced bond can put up to 60 per cent of their investment into NPI's with-profits fund, with the balance going into one or more of NPI's ten unit-linked funds. These include the managed, UK equity overseas equity, Americas, European, Far East, property, deposit, fixed interest and indexed gilt funds. The bonus rate on the with-profits fund is currently 8.5 per cent, but this is not guaranteed. NPI could also apply a market value adjuster if investments perform badly, which could mean investors being given back less than they put in. Investors may also be forced to wait up to a month before cashing in their bond or switching funds. The minimum investment is £2,000.

☐ Woolwich Building Society customers who buy £300 or more in traveller's cheques or foreign currency through the society will be given a new Inspector Morse mystery, *The Inside Story*. The book contains three clues, which could lead to a customer winning a £1,000 holiday if they solve the mystery. Two others customers will get the chance to go on a murder mystery weekend. Holidaymakers have until November to work out whodunit.

Correction

A report (May 15) mentioning the Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Rev Richard Harries, was accompanied by a photograph which was not that of the bishop, to whom we apologise for the mistake.

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RCI receivership confirmed

Little chance of cash back for investors in rare coins

By Sara McConnell

RARE Coin Investments, a company that marketed portfolios of supposedly rare coins as a "low risk, high profit" investment, has gone into receivership. Investors who paid for coins but did not receive them or who were dissatisfied with what they had bought appear to have little prospect of getting their money back.

Levy Gee, the North London firm of chartered accountants, confirmed that it had been appointed by the Official Receiver to put the company into receivership, after a winding-up petition was lodged by Barclays.

Those buying coins as an investment are not covered by the Financial Services Act. Because of this, they are not covered by the Investors' Compensation Scheme, which pays out up to £48,000 to individual investors who face losing money when a firm authorised under the Financial Services Act goes into default.

Rare Coin Investments, based in Maidenhead, Berkshire, ceased trading two weeks ago, as revealed in Weekend Money. Investors trying to contact the company were switched through to another company, Spectrum Services of Farnham, Surrey. They were told by a receptionist that John Roberts of Spectrum Services was the new company secretary of Rare Coin Investments. The appointment of Spectrum Services was recorded at Companies House on May 21. Nigel Goldman, Rare Coin Investments' chairman, signed this recorded change, listing himself as a serving director. Claims that Mr Goldman had sold the company to Spectrum Services were refuted by Spectrum. The telephone at Mr Goldman's home in Marlow, Buckinghamshire, had been disconnected this week.

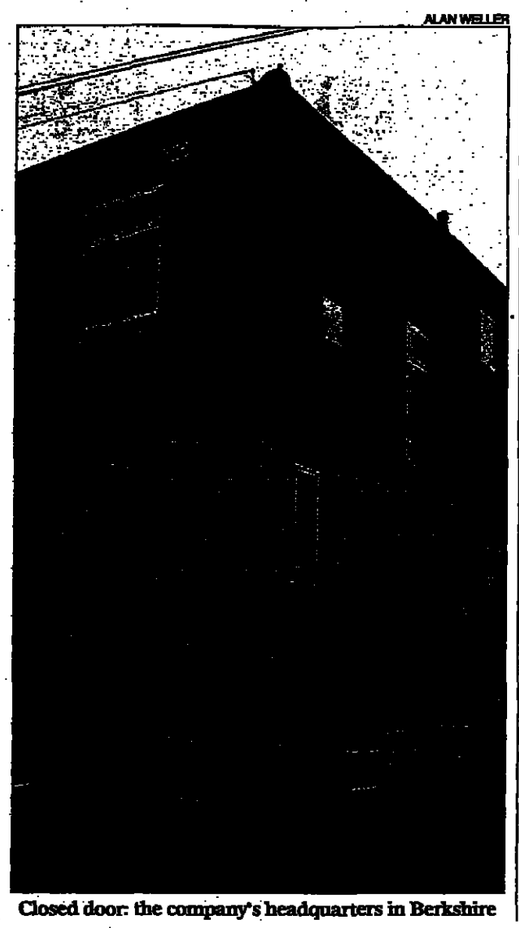
It is unclear how many people bought coins from RCI or how much they invested. Many had responded to advertisements placed by RCI in magazines and newspapers. Some were then persuaded by RCI to make further investments in coins over the telephone. Sources close to the company indicate that some may have invested tens of thousands of pounds, although the average appears to have been about £5,000. It is estimated that there are at least 100 investors. Some had their purchases sent to them, while others had requested that Rare Coin Investments keep the coins they had bought in the company safe. When some of those who had been sent their coins tried to sell them, they found they had paid far more for them than they were worth in the current market.

RCI specialised in selling English coins described as "independently certified coins in mint state". They were sealed into plastic "slabs" after having been graded by one of two American grading houses, the Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS) or the Numismatic Guarantee Corporation. The PGCS was indicted by the Federal Trade Commission in Washington in 1990 for making false claims about the objectivity of its grading in America. Mr Goldman told *The Times* in 1991 that coins were worth more in slabs than on their own because they had been independently certified.

However, coin experts say there is no market in the UK for slabbed coins. Some coins sealed in slabs and sold for several hundred pounds turned out to be worth only a fraction of that, perhaps £20 or £25.

Mr Goldman was arrested on Tuesday at the Olympia exhibition centre in London. He was held at Hammersmith police station and released on Thursday morning on police bail without being charged. Police are continuing to investigate.

ALAN WELLER



Closed door: the company's headquarters in Berkshire

Battling to pay a 'lost' debt

A CLERGYMAN this week won a six-month battle with TSB to do what his conscience told him was right (Sara McConnell writes). The bank had been insisting he did not owe £204 on his Visa credit card, but the Rev Jay Lennard knew that he had not been charged for two airline tickets.

It was not until this week that the error was traced to Air UK, the airline used by Mr Lennard, a diocesan chaplain in the Scottish Episcopal Church, and his wife in January.

The couple bought two return air tickets from Edinburgh to Gatwick in December last year. Mr Lennard paid by TSB Visa card, and signed the credit card slip in the usual way.

When the £204 debt did not appear on the December or January credit card statements, Mr Lennard asked AT Mays, the travel agent that had sold them the tickets, to investigate. After what Mr Lennard describes as "protracted correspondence", the travel agent said it could not understand why the cost of the airline tickets had not appeared on Mr Lennard's credit card statement.

AT Mays acts as agent for Air UK and accepts credit card payments on its behalf. At first, Air UK told AT Mays that it had received its payment in the normal way and paid commission to the agent.

Mr Norman Lewis, manager at AT Mays' Falkirk office, suggested to Mr Lennard that he contact TSB's card services centre in Brighton. TSB said it was unable to help as it does not process card payments. It said: "AT Mays will have to contact their processing agents." AT Mays said it had done that, and the fact that everyone involved had received the money they should have done showed there was no problem.

Further checks this week by AT Mays at the request of Weekend Money finally solved the mystery. Air UK found that when the docket recording Mr Lennard's payment came through, an invoice showing the amount should have been raised and sent to TSB, which would then have debited Mr Lennard's account. But this was never done because the transaction was recorded in the wrong book. Air UK said this was a "very isolated incident". It added Mr Lennard could pay his debt by going to AT Mays and tendering his card again.

Mr Lennard was pleased to hear that he could now pay his debt. He said: "My scruples have been satisfied. I was absolutely astonished that I couldn't pay this bill. I wanted to pay it as a matter of principle, nothing to do with my profession."

MIKE WILKINSON



Fare dealing: the Rev Jay Lennard, who was astonished he could not pay bill for flights

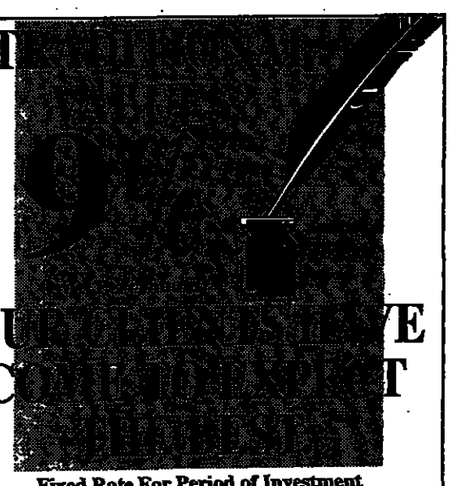
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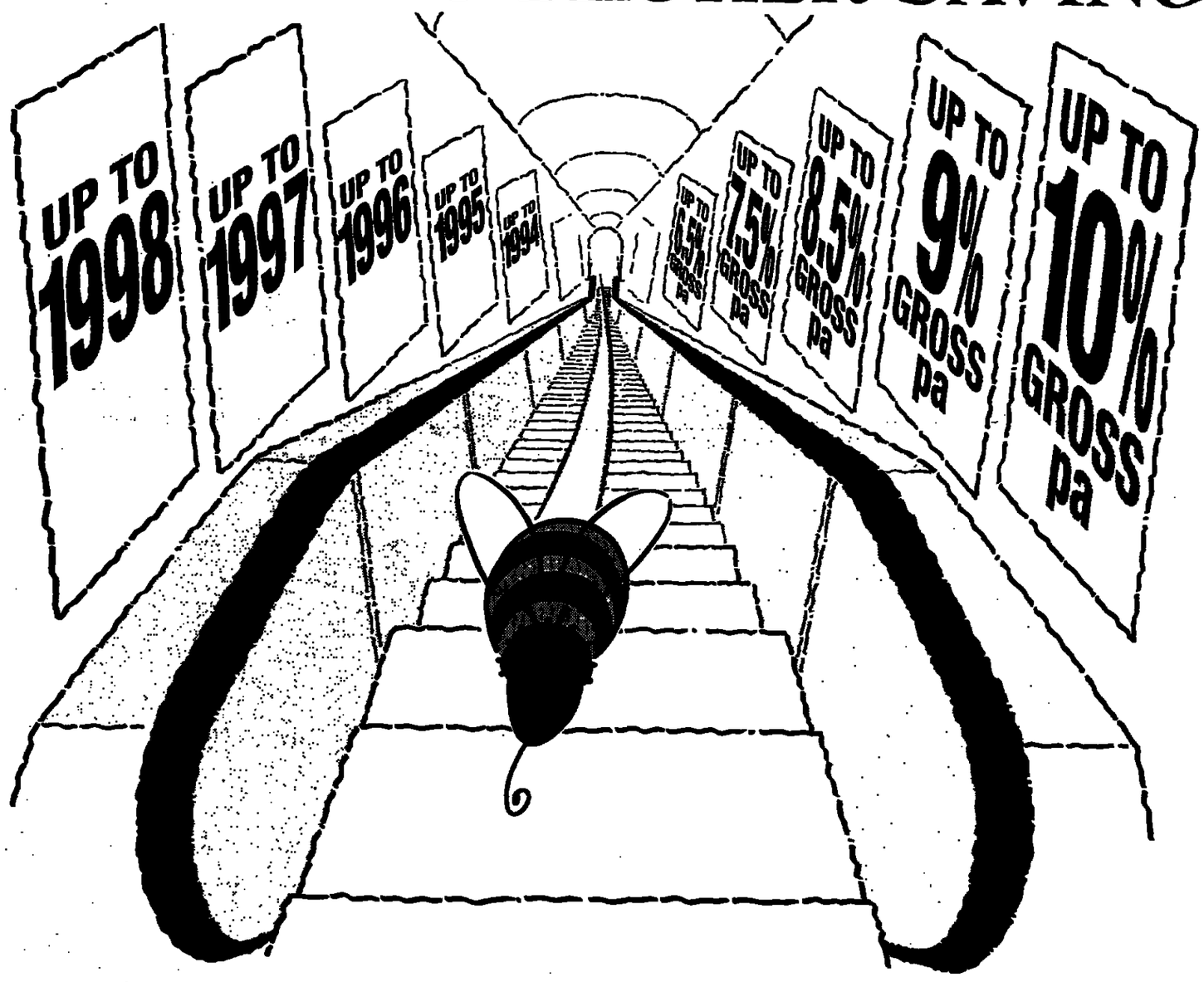
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Henderson asks holders to vote for funds merger

By Lindsay Cook
Money Editor

LETTERS are being sent to a large proportion of Henderson Unit Trust Management's 120,000 investors asking for permission to reduce the range of funds from 34 to 21.

To do so, the group has to persuade 10 per cent of investors in each authorised unit trust to vote and at least 75 per cent of these have to favour merging funds. The first investors to be asked are in Henderson Global Resources Trust, proposed to be merged with two others into the Henderson International Trust. Most of them will have had letters seeking approval. They have to respond by June 21, or can attend a unitholders' meeting two days later.

Those investors who do not want their funds merged are being offered a free transfer to any other Henderson fund.

Paul Manduca, chairman of Henderson's retail division, said that it was intended to rationalise the group and to remove duplications that had occurred with the merger of Henderson and Touche Remnant last year. The merger programme should be completed by mid-September.


Medd: runs income fund


Carnegie: global fund

The global resources fund is less than £4.3 million. In the merger document, Henderson says that the new £30 million fund will be able to offer holders greater economies of scale than previously. The annual management fee for investors will not, however, be reduced. The new fund will be managed by Rupert Carnegie, who joined Henderson in 1982 and is head of research.

The group will no longer have an Australian fund, but its Asian Enterprise fund will cover this territory. This £60 million fund will be managed by Heather Manners and will take in the TR Far East Opportunities and Spirit of the East plus the Asian Enterprise Fund. The investment policy will include the Indian sub-continent, but not Japan.

TTR Special Opportunities and TR Smaller Companies will become the UK Smaller Companies Trust. It is to be managed by John Alexander, who has been responsible for smaller companies at Touche.

Investors in the Extra Income fund, managed by Kate Medd face no change, nor will those in the Preference & Gilt Trust, the Family of Funds, Global Technology, North American, Pacific Smaller Companies, European Special Situations, European, European Smaller Companies and European Income funds.

Mr Manduca said that, after the mergers, the group would build up its direct sales force. Its investment record has improved in the past year, and the group intends that all funds should be in the top two quartiles — in other words, above average, but not necessarily sector winners.

Mr Manduca said there was no intention to "overspecialise" once the funds were merged. "We will not have a gold fund or single country funds," he said.

Investors should be safer in larger funds, Mr Manduca said. A smaller specialist fund had dangers if there were heavy redemptions. This could mean that stock had to be sold when prices were down. Bigger funds had less risk of this.


Talent-spotter: John Alexander, small-companies expert

Company car tax rules tightened

By Sara McConnell

EMPLOYEES hoping to pay less tax on their company cars from next April by buying a basic model and adding accessories later had their hopes dashed this week.

The Chief Secretary to the Treasury has tabled an amendment to the finance bill going through Parliament, which would include accessories added later in the price of a company car for tax purposes.

From April 6 next year, a new system of taxing company cars will be introduced. Cars will be taxed on the basis of their total list price, rather than engine size.

Under the system, tax will be charged on 35 per cent of the list price of the car, with a discount of a third if the employee drives more than 2,500 business miles in a year or two-thirds if the employee drives 18,000 or more business miles.

All charges are reduced by a third for cars that are four or more years old at the end of the tax year.

Immediately after this change was confirmed by Norman Lamont, the then Chancellor, tax advisers suggested that the easiest way to pay less tax was to buy the most basic model and add accessories later. Brian Friedman, managing director of Stoy Benefit Consulting, said that under the original proposals, someone who bought a company car with a list price of £10,000 and then added £3,000 worth of accessories at a later date, would have paid tax only on the £10,000.

The amendment tabled this week will extend the original definition of list price to include accessories added later, but only for accessories first made available after July 1993. Accessories costing less than £100 will be excluded.

The amendment will also make sure that the price of accessories includes the cost of delivery and fitting, whether or not these are charged separately. The Treasury will have the power to increase the £100 lower limit by order.

Mr Friedman said the amendment was sensible, but added he was surprised that the Treasury appeared to be trying to close a suggested loophole before it had seen whether there was widespread abuse of the system.

The AA said that many extras, such as air conditioning or electric windows, were, in any case, fitted during manufacture.

Taking the hassle out of house moving

Jill Insley gives some vital ground rules on how to complete a deal and leave the nerves less frayed

CAUTIOUS optimism about recovery in the housing market, coupled with signs that prices are slowly rising for new homes, is likely to mean many more borrowers taking the plunge. Moving home is always stressful, so for sanity's sake it pays to keep the hassle of applying for a mortgage to a minumum. The more homework a borrower can do in preparation for the lender and solicitor before making his purchase, the less frayed nerves will become.

For many borrowers the first and most reassuring thing to sort out is funding for their mortgage. To speed this process, prospective borrowers should try to have ready as much information as possible. This includes recent payslips, P60 form, details of any previous mortgage, including name and address of their solicitor and last lender, and reference or roll number of the previous loan. If self-employed, the borrower should provide accounts for the last three years and the name and address of his accountant. Borrowers should also provide the name, address and telephone number of the vendor, so the lender can arrange an appointment to survey the property.

Borrowers should not be tempted by low interest rates to stretch the truth to obtain a larger loan by overstating their salaries or understating other debts. Many mortgage lenders allow prospective house buyers to take out a "mortgage certificate" before looking for their desired home. This guarantees funding for three months, subject to surveys on the property. A spokesman for Halifax Building Society, says that holding the certificate "can help sway the vendor's decision, because he knows that the funds are available and that the applicant is serious".

Once an offer on a property has been made and accepted, the buyer should instruct a solicitor to act on his behalf. A typical mortgage will take six to eight weeks from start to completion. The costs vary geographically between £150 and £500 for solicitor's fees, plus VAT and disbursements. The solicitor must conduct searches with the local authority to find out if any building developments are planned that may affect the property. Most solicitors will organise a personal local search, which will cost an additional £100 or so. The solicitor will also check the extent of the property which will belong to the buyer, according to details held by the Land Registry. The Registry's fees are based on a sliding scale. A house costing £80,000 would incur a £160 charge, while one costing £100,000-£150,000 would have a £260 fee. A property costing between £150,000 and £200,000 would incur a £300 fee.

Borrowers who are buying properties costing £60,000 or more will also have to pay a stamp duty of 1 per cent of the property value. The borrower should also appoint a surveyor to make sure the property is sound. Most lenders now have a strict panel of surveyors whose reports they will accept, so to save money the borrower could choose a firm from that panel. Surveyors also charge fees based on a sliding scale according to the cost of the property. Once the lender has received survey details from an approved surveyor, a mortgage offer will be issued, if all is well.

Borrowers who do not have a sizable deposit will be required to pay mortgage indemnity insurance. This covers the lender against loss should the borrower default on his loan. Once all the checks have been made, the exchange of contracts can take place and a deposit paid by the buyer to the vendor. Once exchange has taken place the buyer must complete the deal or lose his deposit. Likewise, the vendor is legally obliged to continue with the sale or to meet the buyer's costs. Traditionally, solicitors have left about four weeks between exchange and completion of the sale, but if funding is in place this period is not really necessary.

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Month purchased	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
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April	0.735	0.668	0.586	0.483	0.440	0.381
May	0.723	0.661	0.580	0.477	0.437	0.380
June	0.718	0.657	0.576	0.474	0.438	0.380
July	0.717	0.648	0.578	0.476	0.442	0.381
August	0.717	0.641	0.563	0.472	0.437	0.377
September	0.718	0.634	0.560	0.473	0.430	0.373
October	0.709	0.628	0.551	0.471	0.428	0.366
November	0.701	0.622	0.546	0.466	0.416	0.360
December	0.704	0.618	0.547	0.464	0.411	0.361

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January	0.361	0.267	0.177	0.080	0.037	0.020
February	0.356	0.258	0.170	0.074	0.032	0.013
March	0.351	0.252	0.158	0.070	0.029	0.009
April	0.329	0.230	0.124	0.056	0.013	—
May	0.324	0.223	0.114	0.053	0.009	—
June	0.319	0.218	0.110	0.048	0.009	—
July	0.318	0.217	0.109	0.051	0.013	—
August	0.303	0.214	0.098	0.048	0.012	—
September	0.297	0.206	0.087	0.045	0.009	—
October	0.284	0.197	0.079	0.041	0.005	—
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December	0.275	0.184	0.082	0.036	0.010	—

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Consumer council says watchdogs fail to satisfy

Criticism angers ombudsmen

By Liz Dolan

JULIAN Farrand, the insurance ombudsman, has criticised the National Consumer Council for undermining the public's faith in the service offered by both his own and the building societies ombudsmen's office.

Dr Farrand said a press release issued by the council to accompany a survey on the workings of both services was unfairly slanted. He said: "They have subjected us to unfair criticism that could damage the very basis of our existence.

"My insurance companies don't like me very much as it is. When they see this, they might easily say, 'If the public doesn't like you either, what's the point in your being there in the first place'?"

The consumer council, however, was unrepentant, saying: "We are a vigorous, independent voice. We are not a public relations service for the ombudsmen. We are not being negatively destructive. We are simply concentrating on areas that we want to see changed. A significant number of people is dissatisfied with both services and we feel that needs to be said."



Farrand: "release unfairly slanted"



Edell: "pointless recommendation"

According to the survey, published this week, one in every two people that take their complaints to either body say they are dissatisfied with the result. People who lost were significantly more dissatisfied than those who won, although three in every ten unsuccessful complainants still rated both schemes as fair.

While agreeing that those who won were more likely to be happy with the system, the council said: "If the ombudsmen claim to be an effective form of alternative justice, then both sides should see the system as a fair one." Many more people lost their cases than won them, especially where the insurance ombudsman was concerned, it added.

Dr Farrand said that, human nature being what it was, he was amazed that so many unsuccessful complainants had still described the services as fair. Three in ten respondents said they were concerned that neither scheme was sufficiently independent of the industry they were expected to judge. Dr Farrand said he worried about that aspect himself. That was why he wrote in *The Times* in 1991 that an independent body should be constituted "to watch the watchdogs".

More than 50 per cent of the council's 1,000 respondents rated as "a complete waste of time" companies' internal complaints procedures that have to be exhausted before a case can come before the ombudsmen. Building societies were especially bad at alerting customers to the existence of their own complaints procedures, the report said. Nationwide was singled out for particular criticism. Ombudsmen should be given the power to set, monitor and enforce minimum standards of complaints handling, the consumer council said.

Stephen Edell, building societies ombudsman, said: "I agree that something should be done, but we can't possibly monitor and enforce standards. We are arbitrators, not regulators." Mr Edell joined Dr Farrand in criticising the consumer council's "irresponsible attitude". He said: "Of course there are criticisms to be made. On the whole, the report is well argued, well thought out and constructive. But the accompanying press release, which will form the basis of many press reports, was negative and unfair."

Both welcomed a number of the council's recommendations, but pointed out that they were not themselves empowered to change their original remits. Mr Edell said that he agreed with the council that ombudsmen should not be restricted to selected areas of complaint. In his own case, he should be allowed to consider complaints relating both to investment and to the pre-completion stage of house sales and purchases, neither of which was now open to him.

However, Mr Edell dismissed as "pointless" a recommendation that ombudsmen should publish anonymous details of cases. "The majority are of absolutely no interest to anyone else. It would be a misuse of resources to publish them all." He added that the council's request for a league table of complaints per company could disadvantage "reputable societies who dutifully allow valid complaints to come to us" and unfairly enable "bad societies who are deliberately obstreperous, and pay off anyone who remains intransigent, rather than let us become involved," to "come up smelling of roses".

Keep life covered with interest

WHEN taking out a life assurance policy, it is worth checking at what stage the company pays interest on death claims (Liz Dolan writes). Some automatically add interest to all payment cheques, others will only do so if the payment is deemed to have been delayed.

When one of the partners in the London architects' practice Lyster Grillet & Harding died earlier this year, his colleagues claimed a total of £20,000 on two life policies, one with Friends Provident and the other with Sun Alliance.

However, while Friends Provident added £35.99 interest to the £5,000 payment, Sun Alliance paid the straight £15,000 with no additions.

The practice's insurance broker took the matter up with Sun Alliance because, in its view, interest was payable. Sun Alliance said that interest was payable only if settlement were delayed for more than two months, which was not the case in this instance.

Sun Alliance added: "The calculation of premium rates takes into account an elapse of three months from the date of death for the completion of legal and clerical formalities ... We have altered the time period from three months to two months, although the premium rates will still be based on three months."

Christopher Lyster, one of the partners, said: "This explanation is absurd. The suggestion that premium rates are calculated to take account of a three-month delay must be pure guesswork as obviously the interest rates current at the time of death are unknown. Would it not be more equable if interest were paid automatically from the date of death, or maturity, as a standard practice?".

Tony Large, valuation manager, Sun Alliance, said that guessing future interest rates was only part of the problem. "We have the same difficulty with fixing premiums, period," he said. The company uses a complicated formula to work out premiums, involving actuarial statistics, after which a three-month settlement delay was schemed in, based on an assumed rate of interest. "This way, all the policyholders benefit, not just the ones who die," Mr Large said. He claimed that, if the company paid interest from date of death, premium rates would have to rise by 1 per cent.

Friends Provident said that it had decided to start paying interest from date of death six years ago. "Delays are inevitable," it said. "Claims often take a long time to come through. They aren't normally the first things on relatives' minds. It is most unlikely that premiums would be lower if we hadn't made this decision."

Norwich Union, which also pays interest from date of death, said: "Our premiums are worked out on the assumption that we will pay a death claim immediately. We think that paying interest from death is in policyholders' best interests."

The Association of British Insurers said that all member organisations were required to pay interest if payment were delayed for more than two months. Apart from that, members were free to decide their own payment policies.

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BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	3.70	3.70	2.96	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	3.70	3.70	2.96	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	3.19	3.19	2.55	10,000-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	3.47	3.47	2.78	10,000-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	3.75	3.75	3.00	10,000-100,000	1 mth	0742 528655
" "	3.84	3.84	3.07	10,000-100,000	3 mth	0742 528655
NatWest	3.47	3.47	2.78	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" " "	3.47	3.47	2.78	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	3.48	3.54	2.83	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	1.88	1.88	1.50	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	0.38	0.38	0.30	500‡	none	071 626 6543
Citibank	3.75	3.82	3.06	2,000‡	none	0800 555884
Lloyds HICA	0.38	0.38	0.30	10,000	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	1.50	1.50	1.20	2,000‡	none	0742 528655
NatWest Special Reserve	1.13	1.13	0.90	500‡	none	0800 200 400
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	1.50	1.51	1.21	2,000‡	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank HICA	1.88	1.88	1.50	2,000‡	none	071-606 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	0.75	0.75	0.60	50+	none	——
Best buy — largest socs:						
Britannia	5.29	5.29	4.23	10,000 min	Postal	——
Britannia	5.44	5.44	4.35	25,000 min	Postal	——
Northern Rock	6.04	6.04	4.83	50,000 min	30 day	——
Woolwich	6.00	6.00	4.80	50,000 min	90 day	——
Bradford & Bingly	6.23	6.23	4.98	100,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy — all socs:						
Britannia	5.44	5.44	4.35	25,000 min	Postal	——
Northern Rock	5.85	5.85	4.68	25,000 min	30 day	——
Marsden	6.00	6.00	4.80	50,000 min	60 day	——
Lambeth	6.10	6.10	4.88	30,000 min	90 day	——
Bradford & Bingly	6.08	6.08	4.86	50,000 min	1 year	——

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NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c†	3.75	2.81	2.25	500-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	6.25	4.69	3.75	20-100,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	7.00	5.25	4.20	2,000-250,000	3 mth	0253 68151
6th Index Linkd†*	3.25	3.25	3.25	100-10,000	8 day	091-386-4900
40th Issue Cert†	5.75	5.75	5.75	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan†	5.75	5.75	5.75	20-400/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
Children's Bond	7.85	7.85	7.85	25-1,000		
Gen Ext Rate†	3.75	3.75	3.75			
Capital Bond*	7.75	5.81	4.65	100-250,000	8 days	041-649-4555
1st Option Bond*	4.75	4.75	3.80	1,000-250,000		
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Consolidated Lf	5.00	5.00	4.25	2,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Prosperity Life	5.85	5.85	4.97	25,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Financial Ass	6.45	6.45	5.48	50,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Financial Ass	6.70	6.70	5.70	50,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5788
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Credit Card	25 - 27%	Italian Lire:	2196.00

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Hinckley & Rgby	8.05	£3,241.50	90 days loss	£25	0455 251234
Dunfermline	8.00	£3,240.00	1mths notice+loss	£3,000	0383 721621
St Pancras	8.00	£3,240.00	£25+30days notice	£10	071 7942331
National Cnty	7.90	£3,237.00	90 days loss	£3,000	0372 742211
Bath Investment	7.75	£3,232.50	-	£1	0225 423271

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Checking out the credit risks when buying your home

By Margaret Dibben

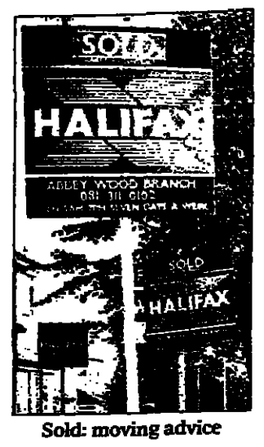
WHEN buying a home, knowing the credit record of the previous owners or tenants can be as important as the local authority searches. Homebuyers can find that they are unable to buy furniture, carpets or other items because of debts run up by others at the address.

One recent mover discovered the previous owner's tenant had eight county court judgments that threatened any credit application she might make. She then started to receive letters from bailiffs, threatening to remove her possessions and was issued with a warrant for her arrest from magistrates because of an unpaid council tax bill.

Owners or tenants will not be protected from debt collectors chasing unpaid bills left behind by previous occupants when changes to the existing credit referencing system are brought in next month. But, from July 31, anyone buying a house can be confident that they will not be tarred with the bad credit record of the previous owners.

At present, when a lender checks the credit reference agency files of an applicant, details of everyone who lives at the address or has lived at it in recent years show up. So too, do the bad debts. However, from August, lenders will be shown only information about the person who is applying for credit and people in the house closely associated with him or her. From then, anyone will be able to apply for credit without the debt records of the previous owners coming to light.

Richard McCrohan, managing director of Equifax Europe, a credit reference agency, said: "The question will no longer arise about you being refused credit because of the behaviour of the previous occupant, because that information will not be returned either to the lender or to the consumer."



Sold: moving advice

Alan Hilton, director of the Credit Industry Fraud Avoidance System, said: "If I had had a bad experience with credit granting at a previous address it would be absolutely logical for me to want to know in advance about a new address that I was thinking of purchasing, even after July 31. Thankfully, most people do not have bad experiences in the main, but when it does happen it is extremely difficult."

The answer is to check on the people selling a property. This can be done by asking a credit reference agency for the file on the property, in the same way as people can check their own records for £1 under the Consumer Credit Act. People can also check current and previous addresses. However, agencies may be reluctant to give information to prospective housebuyers. Mr McCrohan said: "There is nothing to stop somebody writing in and saying 'I want the details of a new address'. Certainly, if a solicitor was to write to us as part of his searches, then we would not have a problem responding."

Such a file shows whether an owner has a bad debt record, a County Court judgment outstanding and has registered on the electoral roll. It gives the same information about other members of the family and, until the end of July, anyone else who has lived there, which could be useful information if the person, or couple, selling the house are not the only occupants.

Anyone can contact the Registry of County Court Judgments and ask about any person. The cost is £4 for each name for personal callers and for postal requests it is £4.50. A postal report is normally sent out the day after a request is received. Enquirers will receive a six-year judgment history on the address.

Malcolm Hurlston, chairman of the registry, said: "You can check against any name and address and you will receive a six-year judgment history on that address." To get the information it is necessary to know the names of all the people living in the property. These can be obtained from the electoral roll or from the questions asked by a solicitor, who will ask the vendor for the names of all people over the age of 17 living in the property.

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LETTERS

High cost of stockbrokers

From Mr B. A. Timbs

Sir, Last year, I wound up the estate of an elderly relative for whom I was executor. A firm of London stockbrokers managed the funds and dealt with a nominee company in Birmingham.

The beneficiaries were three nieces, so the share certificates were split in three ways. Nineteen companies were involved, and in the first instance I had a bill for £1,425. There is a standard charge of £25 a transfer (3 x 19 x £25), although it is the company registrars and not the nominees who do the work as the artwork on the distributed certificates shows. When my solicitor intervened, the bill was reduced to £750! Incidentally, his total charge for professional services in obtaining probate was £596.75.

Yours faithfully,
B. A. TIMBS,
Dolphin Field, Roman Road, Twyford, Winchester, Hampshire.

Settling credit cards

From Mr K. J. Barnes

Sir, I have a NatWest Access Card. I settle my account through NatWest's telephone banking service ActionLine. Yet, I am still told by the telephone voice that four working days are needed to effect the transaction!

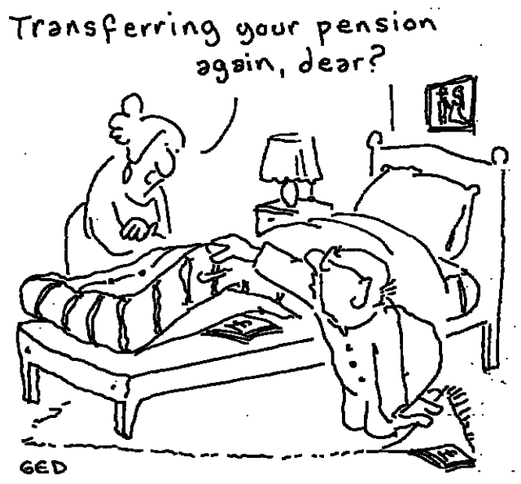
Why, I wonder?

Yours faithfully,
K. J. BARNES,
29 Bearwater,
Charnham Street,
Hungerford, Berkshire.

From Mr Peter Smith

Sir, Surely you have omitted the most obvious way to ensure that your credit card balance is paid in time, that is to pay it by direct debit. In this way, the money is paid on the date due and there is no worry about getting your payment paid on time, even when on holiday. I have been doing this with my Visa Co-op card for several years, and it has worked without problem.

Yours sincerely,
PETER J. SMITH,
1 Karen Close, Hethersett, Norwich.



Pension transfers and the protection of funds

From Mr Peter Chadwick

Sir, The article "How to check your pension swap" (Weekend Money, June 5) suggested that independent advice on pension transfers is available from consulting actuaries. As intimated in this article, though, such advice is not normally very cheap.

However, a new association of independent firms of consulting actuaries has recently been formed, which aims to provide more cost-effective, and more readily available, actuarial advice on a range of financial issues, including pension transfers. The stated objective of all member firms is to save money for their clients, a welcome antidote in an otherwise commissions-dominated financial services industry.

More details about the new Independent Consulting Actuaries Network can be obtained from ICAN at 16 Morwell Street, London WC1B 3AN.

Yours sincerely,
PETER CHADWICK
(Consultant and Actuary),
Grove Park Consultants,
54 Grove Park Road, W4.

From Mr George Muggleton

Sir, Mr Delacombe (More thoughts on pension surpluses, June 5) appears to be in a time warp. His views stem from the sixties, when company pension schemes took over from money purchase schemes. Good staff were hard to find in those heady days of full employment and a pension scheme became a necessary aid to recruitment. Schemes were generally part contributory and companies took an arm's length view of these funds.

The pensioner has not been given preference in the use of surpluses, quite the contrary. During the years of high inflation, little attempt was made to maintain the purchasing power of pensions in payment. So-called surpluses have been used for pension holidays, both for companies and new staff, and even to bolster poor company results.

It must be borne in mind that surpluses may be greatly exaggerated by inflation and, therefore, extreme caution should be used in their calculation.

I do hope that the Pension Law Review Committee is able to ensure that private pension funds are properly protected from misuse and that pensioners have an equal say in the management of such funds, bearing in mind that they contributed to them over many years.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE MUGGLETON,
Treetops,
Little Windmill Hill,
Chipperfield, Hertfordshire.

Expatriates by choice

From Mr Peter Cottee

Sir, I can find little merit in the argument put forward by expatriate UK pensioners that they are being unfairly treated because their pensions are not UK inflation-proofed.

These people have not been forced to live abroad, but have chosen to turn their backs on Britain. Rather than persistently whingeing about their lot, they should be looking towards the governments of their adoptive countries, who are now receiving the benefit of their spending power, for any increases in income to which they think they may be entitled. The British pensioner who remains resident earns the increases in his pension by his continuing payment of direct and indirect taxes. It is unrealistic for those who no longer pay to expect those who do to cushion their standard of living.

Yours faithfully,
PETER COTTEE,
211 Rye Street,
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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Will the new Chancellor agree to relax the rules? **Christine Whelan** reports

Industry rich in potential


SIMON TOWNSLEY

Boxing clever: will Kenneth Clarke's first Budget later this year be good news for savers?

In preparing for his first Budget later this year, the Chancellor will receive, just as his predecessors did, a submission from the Association of Investment Trust Companies (AITC).

This time, however, both Chancellor and lobbyist are new to the job. The circumstances of Kenneth Clarke's appointment are well known. Ernest Fenton, the AITC's new director-general, assumed his post in March after the death of Philip Chappell, the investment trust evangelist who is credited with inspiring much of the sector's renewed popularity.

Mr Fenton, a former stockbroker and a distinguished City figure, has inherited an industry in good heart. The 1992 Budget gave the sector a huge boost by doubling the annual limit of tax-free investment trusts that can be held in a Personal Equity Plan (PEP), from £3,000 to £6,000. Despite the recession, investment trusts saw a net inflow of £614 million in 1992.


Ernest Fenton: trusts are in good shape

The AITC's requests to the Treasury this year are fairly modest; a relaxation in the rules to allow a wider range of investment trusts to qualify for PEP status, and a clarification of the tax treatment of trusts that use futures and options to hedge their portfolios.

Since the flurry of new launches last year, the sector has shown it still has plenty of innovations to offer. With deposit interest rates so low, the emphasis for new launches is firmly on income. Johnson Fry Securities, for example, has devised a Utilities Trust, with a split capital structure including income shares which have an expected yield of 9 per cent gross per year. The trust will invest in utility companies, and if a cash investment of £3,000 is also made, investors can exchange existing privatisation holdings into the trust free of dealing costs.

The Income and Savings Investment Scheme (ISIS) from Ivory & Sime has caused even more interest. With this new trust, a monthly income is generated by selling a small number of shares in the trust to provide investors with a return equivalent to 7 per cent of the original capital. As it is paid out of capital the income is tax-free, unless investors have already used their capital gains allowance. The plan relies on growth in the trust, which invests in the top 350 UK companies, to maintain the "income", although this is not guaranteed.

The ISIS trust has attracted attention not just for its high income potential but also because its structure aims to protect the interests of all shareholders, whether they require capital growth or income. In the current climate, high-yielding shares have been popular with income-seeking investors even though rising yields may reflect poor capital performance. In this case requirements for both long-term income and capital growth from a split-capital investment trust's portfolio may not be met, leaving capital shareholders at a disadvantage.

The difficulties of balancing shareholders' different needs was one criticism of the investment trust revival in NatWest Securities' annual review of the sector. Another, more frequently-voiced worry is that as investment trust structures become more complex, investors will not only face greater risks, but will also become confused and lose confidence.

According to Mr Fenton, the AITC has already tackled these concerns. Pointing out that split-capital trusts account for only 10 per cent of the market by value, he says the AITC set up a split-capital working party last year and has issued guidance on the wide variety of structures now available. "You can't complain about complex structures when they have been designed to meet a market need," he says.

None the less, the increasing role of marketing in the success of investment trusts raises the question of whether fund management concerns have been lost.

"There should be more choice of international investment trusts," says Malcolm King, of the management company Finsbury Asset Management. "New trusts are being launched with UK-weighted portfolios to meet the requirements for PEP investment — that is not a coherent investment strategy."

Mr King's criticisms go beyond investment trusts' asset allocation policy. "The renaissance of investment trusts has been self-feeding, as narrowing accounts have raised share prices, which in turn has increased demand for shares so that the discount narrows again, and so on," he says. "As a result, some investment trusts only appear to have been performing well."

While this works well in a bull market, Mr King envisages a disaster for investment trusts and their investors in a market downturn. "The difference between previous market falls and the next one is that more private investors will have investment trusts. As there are so many more complex structures the costs of winding up trusts — the solution in the past — will be too great for many institutions," he warns. "I am concerned that if we overplay the marketing, the next time investors get their fingers burnt will result in a very long bear market for investment trusts."

Mr King concedes that the next severe downturn is probably many years off. In the meantime, at the AITC Ernest Fenton believes that investment trusts have yet to reach their full potential. The association will continue to stress the versatility of investment trust PEPs and savings schemes. It will further encourage the spread of share exchange schemes — where investors can swap a parcel of, say, privatisation shares into an investment trust at low cost. And it will aim to persuade financial advisers that investment trusts, with their diverse portfolios, can be recommended in comparison with single shares.

● *The author is the editor, Moneywise.*

The good news is spreading fast

Marketing and an education programme are promoting trusts

"If investment trusts are so good, how come I've never heard about them before?" This question comes not from a novice investor, but from an independent financial adviser (IFA) on a recent course organised by the Association of Investment Trust Companies.

A survey last month by the trade newspaper *Money Marketing* showed that, out of 50 IFAs, only 42 per cent said they handled investment trusts, compared with 86 per cent who said they advised on unit trusts. Over half of those surveyed said they could not name a single investment trust and only 46 per cent said they would feel confident recommending investment trusts in comparison with unit trusts.

The position has improved since the survey was first conducted four years ago. In 1989, just 26 per cent of the IFAs surveyed said they handled investment trusts and 80 per cent could not name a single trust.

The progress in IFAs' knowledge and awareness of investment trusts is due largely to the marketing efforts of investment trust companies and the education programme run by the AITC, but increased interest from private investors has also been a spur.

The recent innovation of investment trust companies paying commission is likely to give advisers more incentive to inform themselves and their clients about the sector. In the *Money Marketing* survey, 43 of the 50 intermediaries said they believed other brokers would find investment trust savings schemes more attractive if commission were offered.

Meanwhile, where can investment trust investors find informed, impartial advice? As investment trusts are UK-listed companies, stockbroking firms are a natural source of expertise. "Many people are still afraid of going to stockbrokers," says David Morrison, the director of adviser services at the AITC. "Either they find the companies unapproachable, or they think their portfolio will be too small for consideration. The big City firms may still be like this but many provincial offices are not."

As a guide for investors, the Association of Private Client Investment Managers and Stockbrokers (APCIMS) recently produced a brochure including a nationwide directory of over 300 stockbroking firms, with details of those offering portfolio management or an advisory service. The brochure also contains information about the types of investment available, including investment trusts. The brochure, titled *Professional and Impartial Investment Advice*, is available free by writing to APCIMS at 20 Dysart Street, London EC2A 2BX.

For investors who want to manage the risk of picking individual trusts, a number of stockbrokers offer investment trust management services. They include Gerrard Vivian Gray, Capel-Cure Myers and Foster & Braithwaite.

Where to find the financial experts for advice

Independent financial advisers who specialise in investment trusts may be hard to find, but they do exist. The trade organisation IFA Promotion can supply profiles of six firms in your area if you call 0483 461461, but not all of these may be investment trust experts. Some IFAs who favour investment trusts get round the commission question by charging fees; a register of fee-based advisers is available from *Money Management Magazine*, Greystoke Place, Fetter Lane, London EC4A 1ND.

For the do-it-yourself investor, investment trust managers themselves are a good place to start. Although not authorised to give advice directly, they all produce detailed literature including reports and accounts. A wide range of information for private investors is available from the AITC, 6th floor, Park House, 16 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7JJ.

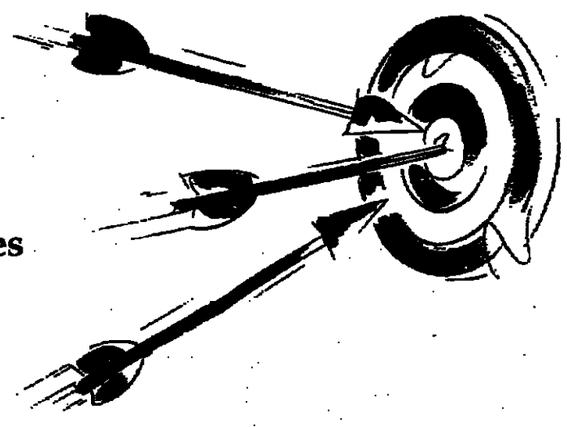
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Historic groups dominate the market, reports **Helen Pridham**

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Michael Hart, chief executive of Foreign & Colonial, with a portrait of the founder, Lord Westbury

Giants a step ahead

Investment trusts were set up in the 19th century to enable small investors to buy shares in overseas stock markets. They invested over a wide geographical area. In recent years, however, trusts have become increasingly specialist, concentrating on single countries or regions, such as the Far East, or certain types of shares, such as those of smaller companies.

Nevertheless, a number of the original international investment trusts are still on sale. They have become the giants of the industry. The oldest and biggest is Foreign & Colonial. Created in 1879, it is now valued at more than £1.3 billion, and has nearly 50,000 shareholders. The five largest international trusts between them have over £5 billion under management out of an industry total of £32 billion.

Leading shareholders in these trusts are the big insurers and pension funds, including Standard Life, the Prudential, and British Coal Pension Fund. But they have been gradually selling their shares in recent years. Should the private investor be doing the same?

The answer from leading stockbrokers is a resounding no. Hamish Buchan, the chairman of NatWest Markets, believes international trusts are still the best choice for most private investors. He says: "They provide a spread of risk across the world's stock markets. They are a good first investment for somebody just starting to buy shares, for conservative investors who want a low-risk investment and they are equally valuable as a core holding in a larger portfolio."

He points out: "The reason the major institutions want to pull out is that they now have large investment departments of their own. But their place is often being taken by smaller institutions, such as charities and trusts funds."

> 'He does not panic, he keeps his nerve'

John Korwin Szymanowski, the investment trust expert at S.G. Warburg, also believes that international trusts have a lot to offer the private investor. "A private investor buying a specialist trust has to be very sure of what he is doing. The advantage of an international trust is that, though the manager has to maintain a spread, he can increase or decrease exposure to different areas of the world as circumstances change. He can limit losses in poor markets and take advantage of opportunities elsewhere."

That is the theory. How well it works must be judged from the performance figures. These confirm that while specialist trusts may do better in the short term, over longer periods the general international trusts have produced above-average performance. Indeed, over the past five years, only those investment trusts specialising in North America have produced better average results than the international trusts.

The dividend growth has been equally impressive. Over the past five years each of the general international trusts, except one, has increased its dividends by more than 10 per cent per year. Witan, the fifth largest trust, managed by Henderson, has increased its dividends by over 20 per cent a year over the past five years.

The good performance of the trusts is undoubtedly influenced by their status in each management group. Nigel Sidebottom, an investment trust specialist at stockbrokers Gerrard Vivian Gray, explains that far from being sidelined in favour of the newer specialist trusts, "the big international trusts are regarded by management as their flagship trusts. They are seen as a shop window for their investment expertise and they are normally managed by the most experienced and senior manager in the group."

Foreign & Colonial is a good example of this. Michael Hart, one of the investment trust industry's most respected figures, has been managing the trust for the past 25 years. Jeremy Tigue, of Foreign & Colonial, says: "The continuity of management has been very good for the trust. Michael has seen it all before. He has seen stock markets fall and then rise again. He does not panic, he keeps his nerve."

Other advantages of the international trusts over more specialist trusts are their good marketability and low expenses. Being able to deal easily in their shares means a narrow spread between buying and selling prices. Annual management expenses range between just 0.2 per cent and 0.5 per cent.

For more details, the quarterly magazine *Investment Trusts* and the AITC's monthly statistics service are useful sources of information.

Joining the adventurers

Venture capital trusts provide an opportunity to test risky waters

Not many private investors have sufficient capital to get involved in the exciting world of venture capital. But, in the same way that general investment trusts, in theory, allow small investors safer access to the stock market, venture capital investment trusts provide an opportunity to dip a toe into even riskier water. That territory is investing in new ventures or expanding businesses in exchange for shares in the business.

According to William Eccles, the director of Foreign & Colonial Ventures: "No unit trust can set up in venture capital, so investment trusts are a small but important window into a big and interesting market."

Recent years have proved very tough times for venture capital investment trusts. Many of the problems have stemmed from gearing (basically, the level of borrowing compared with assets). Some did not survive. The consensus seems to be that this is all behind them now, as interest rates have fallen and general recovery is in the air. Roderick Crawford, an investment trust analyst with BZW, says that there will be some delay before things really pick up.



Iain Tulloch: encouraging news

"The venture capital market always lags behind the main market — venture capital's problems began a couple of years after the stock market crash of 1987 and there will probably be a two-year lag now before the venture capital market gets motoring."

Most investment trusts trade "at discount". In other words, the actual value of the underlying assets is greater than the share price would imply. Any potential investor needs to decide on the relative merits of the discount. Most venture capital trusts hold some quoted investments and some cash, so valuing that part of the fund is straightforward. But valuing the unquoted part of the portfolio is trickier.

The British Venture Capital Association (BVCA) is to issue revised valuation guidelines later in the summer. "There have been instances in recent years of investment trusts over-valuing their unlisted portfolios," says Iain Tulloch, the director of Murray Johnstone Developments and BVCA council member. He says the revised guidelines will be more specific and encourage greater disclosure — which should provide comfort to investors.

Although some venture capital trusts have performed extremely well over five and ten years, experts agree that they are a no-go investment area for widows and orphans.

How do you select a venture capital trust? Mr Eccles places priority on choosing the right managers. There are three large trusts, others are quite small — Mr Crawford questions whether their size would allow a sufficient spread of investments for private investors. He recommends finding out about the history of the trust's activities.

"What you must find out about is something called the 'average uplift on exit'. That means how much more on average they sell an investment for compared with its most recent valuation.

"If you feel everything is usually sold for a reasonable margin, then the valuation basis is probably OK."

Mr Crawford favours Murray Ventures and Pantheon International Participations (PIP). "Murray Ventures has a focused policy now. It is aiming for smallish management buy-outs and has uninvested cash at the ready — it has about 40 per cent in quoted investments, 40 per cent in unquoted investments and 20 per cent in cash." According to Mr Crawford, Murray Ventures' average uplift is 30 per cent, so there is some leeway.

PIP has a different approach to other UK venture capital investment trusts. Rather than investing directly in companies, PIP itself invests in venture funds, buying a secondary interest — when institutions decide they want to sell their stake. "There are a few of these 'vulture' funds in the States," Mr Crawford says. "Pantheon is the only UK venture capital fund of funds and over five years has impressive performance figures."

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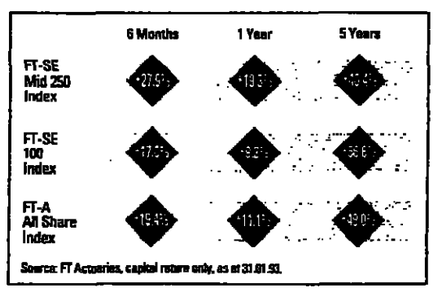
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Winners over the hurdles

Jo Hanks explains how the rate at which a portfolio has to grow to pay shareholders is calculated

As an athlete can measure progress, and the likelihood of getting to the finishing line in one piece, by the number of hurdles yet to be cleared, so the position of split capital investment trusts can be judged. Because there is a specific winding-up date for each trust and a fixed number of shares in issue, the rate at which the portfolio has to grow each year in order to pay the holders of the various share-types at the end can be calculated. This is the "hurdle rate" (sometimes called the fulcrum) and gives an idea of risk.

The Association of Investment Trust Companies (AITC) started publishing hurdle rates in its monthly information service last year. "With split capital trusts, past performance is even less helpful than with other investments," says Fiona Munro, of the AITC. "The winding-up date is focal. After much discussion it seemed that one of the best types of indicator was the hurdle rate."

Although institutional investors have had access to this sort of information for some time, private investors probably would not have come across it unless they had a stockbroker.

On maturity, there is a pecking order in which the holders of different types of share are paid out — the lower down the list your shares are, the greater the risk that you will not get your money back or what you have been "promised". Any prior claims are taken into account when calculating hurdle rates. If a trust has a zero dividend preference share (zero), then these will usually come first. A zero with less than three years to go and a hurdle rate of 8 per cent, say, might not be redeemed in full. If a hurdle rate is negative, the zero's return would be jeopardised only if the trust got smaller. Hurdle rates at the end of April were negative for most zeros.

Kean Seager, of the independent financial advisers Whitechurch Securities, says: "Bear in mind, the higher the return, the higher the hurdle rate is likely to be. When a zero has a negative hurdle rate it is probably as safe as houses, but the return may not be exciting."

Ernest Duckett, director of Charterhouse Tilney Investment Management, says that zero investors are in any case averse to risks. Because of this, a negative hurdle rate is a comfort. But he also stresses the significance of zero hurdle rates for holders of different types of share in a particular trust. "If there are problems with zeros achieving their redemption price, it certainly won't look good for the other shares in the trust."

Zeros, stepped preference shares and income shares all have a fixed redemption value. For shares which entitle the holder to benefit from any capital growth on winding-up — usually "capital" or "highly-geared shares" — the AITC calculates the growth needed in order that the fund would be able to pay the investor its current share price, after meeting other liabilities. Some analysts calculate the rate of growth required to pay the investor the net asset value of the shareholding.

"Our justification for using the share price is that it gives the rate at which the fund needs to grow for you to get back the price you are paying for the share today, at the very least," says Eleanor Burton of the AITC. Mr Duckett agrees: "For private investors, using the share price is spot-on. It tells them what needs to happen to ensure they will not lose out."

> 'For private investors, using the share price is spot-on. It tells them what must happen'

Mr Seager says: "Hurdle rates for most capital-type shares are reasonably low at the moment. The underlying portfolios have performed well since devaluation, but share prices have not caught up. In most cases there are plenty of assets to cover the liabilities." He also suggests that those with a modest positive hurdle rate are a reasonable risk and predicted long-term growth in equities of 10 per cent. If you are comparing the capital share of one trust with another, for example, you also need to look at which types of share rank ahead and at *their* hurdle rates.

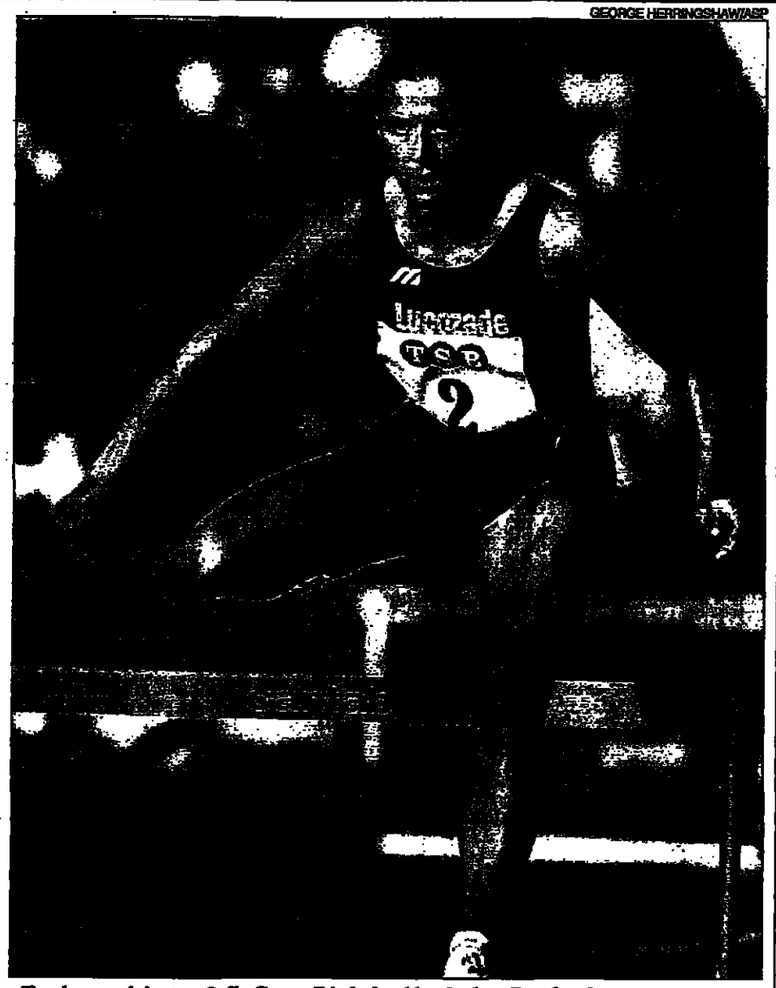
Mr Seager is happier when income shares have lowish hurdle rates. "Unless you have bought them on an annuity basis, then they should be a low-risk investment — depending on the rate of income, people should expect to get their capital back."

Mr Duckett considers hurdle rates useful both when a trust is nearing maturity and when it is a long way off. "When there is little time to go, hurdle rates can be an indication of how much room for manoeuvre there is. Gartmore American Securities' geared shares have a hurdle rate of 5.6 per cent with under two years to maturity, so they have their work cut out."

But when winding up is much further off it is a question of how sustainable the hurdle rate is.

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Track record: just as Sally Gunnell is judged by the hurdles she clears, so are trusts

How to keep costs down

Investment trust groups love investors who pay a regular £20 or £30 a month into a savings scheme. Once someone has set up a standing order, they tend to forget about it and to keep on saving year in and year out. That is exactly what everyone should be doing.

However, investment trust savings schemes are not only for regular savers, and in the first quarter of this year lump-sum investments in savings schemes were nearly two-thirds up on the same quarter last year. Investors can invest a lump sum of money either just once or if they prefer every now and again when they have money to spare. The minimum lump sum investment can be as little as £200.

> Savings schemes lessen the expense of buying investment trust shares



Watching: Jeremy Tigue

The idea of savings schemes is to cut the costs of buying investment trust shares. Before savings schemes were devised, the only way to buy shares was through a stockbroker.

Recently, many stockbrokers have concentrated on buying and selling shares for small investors, which makes dealing with stockbrokers less daunting and is a common way to buy investment trusts.

A stockbroker will cost you more than if you buy through a savings scheme, but the difference is that unless the broker has the cheaper execution-only service, he or she can advise you on which investment trust to buy and when to sell. Using a savings scheme, you have to decide, because even the investment trust manager is not allowed to give you advice on whether or not your decision is wise.

About a third of groups now have savings schemes, including funds suitable for new investment trust investors.

The costs vary from group to group and some are very cheap. Groups keep costs down by dealing in volume for numerous investors and negotiating bulk-buy prices with their stockbrokers. Your broker might charge 1.6 per cent with, say, £40 minimum fee, whereas Baillie Gifford, Dunedin, Guinness Flight and Martin Currie charge nothing for purchases.

However, a problem is brewing for regular savers with a few investment trust savings schemes: some investment trust shares trade at a premium to net asset value. In effect, you pay more for the shares than the underlying portfolio is worth. The problem, however, may be over soon: some management groups are seeking a solution.

Jeremy Tigue, director of Foreign & Colonial, says: "The way in which investment trusts respond will be important to the public's perception of investment trusts."

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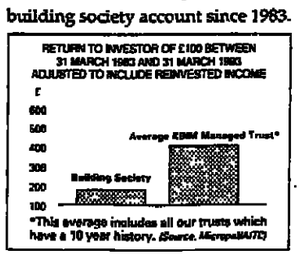


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Beware of any hidden charges

Investment trusts are a cheap way of investing in equities, but there are costs, says

Hazel Spink

The high cost of some savings vehicles, such as endowments, has never been more in the public eye. This has thrown into focus the benefits of investment trusts, which offer a cheap, efficient way of investing in the equity markets.

Investment trusts are publicly quoted companies, just like Marks & Spencer or ICI. So until a few years ago, the only way to buy investment trust shares was through a stockbroker.

The introduction of savings schemes has meant investors can now buy investment trust shares through the company which manages the investment trust.

Savings schemes seem to imply that they are open only to regular investors who want to make monthly contributions. But they are usually also open to investors who want to invest a lump sum. These schemes tend to offer an "execution-only" service, which means the company does not give advice on which investment trust the investor should pick. This is one reason some investors still use a stockbroker instead of a savings scheme.

In addition, many of the large investment trust houses which offer savings schemes now pay commission to independent financial advisers (IFAs). So the number of IFAs prepared to recommend investment trusts has increased dramatically.

Usually, investors have to pay a dealing charge, stamp duty, an annual management charge on the underlying investment trust and possibly, if they use a financial adviser, commission.

Fleming Investment Trust Management set up its savings scheme about five years ago. As Andrew Watkins, sales manager, explained: "The point of setting up the plan was to obviate the need for a stockbroker."

About two years ago, a similar scheme, the direct dealing service, was put in place for IFAs who wanted to buy or sell shares for their clients. This means IFAs can simply pick up a telephone and deal on their clients' behalf, without a stockbroker.

Until a few years ago, only certain IFAs were allowed to recommend investment trusts. On April 1 1991 this rule was relaxed to allow all IFAs to sell them. It was after this change that Flemings, like many other large investment trust houses, set up a direct dealing service for intermediaries.



Dealing direct: Andrew Watkins of Flemings offers a direct service with low dealing charges

The dealing charge, for investors who go to Flemings and for those who use an IFA, is 1 per cent, cheaper than the usual stockbroking commission of between 1.25 and 1.65 per cent.

Lump-sum investors who buy through an IFA may agree to pay the adviser up to 3 per cent commission. But the IFA must obtain his or her client's permission.

Flemings' annual management charge is usually 0.5 per cent although the charge on some of the more specialist trusts is higher because of the amount of research that is involved. The only other charge is the statutory 0.5 per cent stamp duty.

The annual management charges on the underlying investment trusts ranges from 0.25 per cent to 1.05 per cent. Alan Gladd, marketing director of Henderson Financial Management, said: "We need to appeal to people doing financial planning and these tend to be governed by intermediaries. We need to pay commission to be competitive."

He said investment trusts represented exceptionally good value even when commission was paid.

Ironically, Foreign & Colonial, the investment trust house which launched the first savings scheme back in 1984, does not pay commission to IFAs. Michael Hart, chairman of Foreign & Colonial Management explained why: "The F&C savings scheme is simple and easy to understand. We don't feel anyone should be frightened of coming to us direct."

Investors are charged 0.2 per cent to buy and sell shares. In addition, they have to pay 0.5 per cent stamp duty and an annual management charge on the underlying investment charge of between 0.3 per cent and 1.5 per cent.

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The latest trusts offer high income and access to emerging markets

For the past four years there have on average been two new investment trust companies launched every month. Until a few months ago, many of them were split-capital investment trusts but now this is changing. James de Sausmarez, managing director of Henderson Touche Remnant, explains: "There is less action in the split-capital market now because it is getting saturated."

Savers look for safer havens

Recently the emphasis has been on providing high income for small investors and access to emerging markets for institutions and more experienced private investors.

There is a rush of new issues this month but the one which is causing most curiosity among its competitors is Ivory & Sime's ISIS investment trust. ISIS is hoping to attract building society savers away from deposit accounts with the lure of a comparatively safe investment and the choice of buying ordinary shares, saving regularly or opting for high income.

The income shares pay 7 per cent tax-free because they create their income by selling shares for a capital gain and, provided they keep within their annual £5,800 capital gains tax limit, there is no tax to pay. Investors sell 7 per cent of their shares each year to provide the income so the fund must rise by at least this amount otherwise investors are eating into their capital.

Other investment trust managers are keenly watching what happens because, if it is successful, they will produce similar funds of their own, although some admit that it took a long time before they understood how it worked.

Another interesting development is the Johnson Fry Utilities Investment Trust, a split-capital fund investing in the shares of the privatised utility companies — gas, electricity, water and telecommunications. By mixing investment trust income shares with zeros, the income for the income shares is further enhanced to a possible 9 per cent gross yield at the outset: the zeros receive no income.



James de Sausmarez: split-capital market is saturated

Capital Ventures is also new to the market with Eaglet Investment Trust, which invests in small quoted UK companies with a capitalisation of £50 million or less.

The Perpetual Unit Trust group has launched the Perpetual Japanese Investment Trust, the first of a number being released as opportunities arise, says Roger Cornick, marketing director.

Dunedin is targeting Japan too with its Dunedin Japan Investment Trust. As a twist, the group has agreed to donate 35 per cent of its 1 per cent annual management fee to the Barnados charity.

John Govett is launching the Govett Emerging Markets Investment Trust which as well as investing in the better-known markets of China, Malaysia, Singapore, Mexico, Argentina and Turkey, will also buy shares in a number of less familiar economies including Thailand, Sri Lanka and Brazil.

Jupiter Tyndall is targeting just one country with its China Investment Trust. As well as companies quoted on the Chinese stock markets, the portfolio will include companies in other countries with substantial Chinese interests.

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
420	345	Abbey Nat	415	-1	11.5	3.5	16.0
258	170	Allied Irish	255	...	...	4.6	13.0
176	120	Ann Hsvr 2	164	-2	...	3.5	...
3666½	2712½	Bankamerica	2781½	-12½	...	...	...
250	188	Bk of Ireland	241	...	...	5.0	∞
325	235	Bk Lsumi UK	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
147½	116½	Bank Scotland	140	+2	4.5	3.9	20.1
470	362	Barclays	467	+2	...	4.1	...
3½	2	Beckhmair	3½	...	...	...	...
52	33	Brown Shipley	52	...	...	...	...
19½	15½	Carlisle	18½	...	...	...	...
508	398	Cater Allen	505	+2	20.0	4.4	...
138	85	Cattles	138	+3	...	4.1	17.0
2630	1787½	Chase Manh	1963½	...	...	...	...
2069½	1349½	Citicorp	1787½	+12½	...	...	...
370	250	Close Bros	361	...	...	3.3	16.1
1125½	9275	Commercial	11194	+75	...	3.3	...
1304½	1250½	Deutsche Bk	1280½	...	...	2.3	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	77	+3	...	...	...
1428	896	Fuji Bank Y	1402	+3	...	0.5	...
465	343	Gerrard Nat	430 †	+2	21.5	6.4	11.2
654	490	HSBC	644	+3	19.0	3.2	15.4
694	494	HSBC HK	627	+3	19.0	3.8	15.0
356	243	Hampton	332	...	...	5.4	15.1
363	313	Joseph (L)	338	...	...	15.6	3.5
155	98	King Shaxson	137	...	...	9.0	8.4
420	312	Kleinwort Ben	405	...	...	16.0	4.9	14.0
573	462	Lloyds	566	+1	18.4	4.0	16.2
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	82	...	...	3.0	4.5	16.5
457½	322	Nat Aust Bk	451 †	+2	...	...	4.7	14.9
489	398	Nat West	488	+2	...	4.7	4.6	28.3
388	320	Provident	388	+34	...	11.4	3.7	10.8
47	29	Rea Bros	42	...	...	0.5	1.5	44.6
292	207	Rtl Bk Scot	287	-2	8.8	3.1	...
1657½	1257½	Schroders	1463	...	...	1.5	1.8
738	576	Standd Chart	706	-1	20.0	2.8	...
195	145½	TSB	191	...	8.4	4.2	...
130	78	Union Disc	129	...	...	...	9.5
241	528	Warburg SG	719 †	...	...	3.3	18.1
250	185	•Ex- 69.1p 'A'	247	...	...	3.6	...
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	6492½	-69½	...	1.6	...
160	121	Westpac	164 †	-1	...	4.6	...
250	188	Wincrest	235	+22	9.3	5.1	∞

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	577	Allied-Lyons	630	-5	...	4.8	10.2
647	444	Bass	627	+7½	19.9	3.1	10.2
273	199	Boddington	267	...	7.3	3.4	15.8
415	262	Bulmer (HP)	379	-3	9.0	3.0	17.4
179	129	Burton Newr 2	164	-2	...	4.1	9.8
307	261	Devenish (JA)	300	...	9.5	3.2	15.9
102	75	Eldridge P 'A's	98	-1	...	4.3	25.6
69½	36½	Fenner Brewing	57½	+1	...	5.3	7.1
200	139	Gallo Inc 'A's	200	...	...	2.2	16.4
480	383	Grand Met	477	+4	12.3	3.9	11.4
427	380	Greenalls Grp	388	+2	11.7	3.8	12.8
583	505	Greene King	539	...	11.6	2.7	14.0
516	440	Guinness	484	+6	...	3.1	17.2
281	230	Hardy & Hans	279	...	...	4.1	12.2
125	105	Hawthrnes	105	...	...	3.0	3.6	25.2
95	78	•do- 'A' 1½p	78	...	...	3.0	4.6	19.6
304	255	Highland Dist	301	-1	...	6.0	2.5	20.0
3125	2538	Inch	2980	...	...	41.6	1.7	19.3
38	30	Hoskins Brew	38 #	...	...	...	...	40.3
323	250	Invergordn Dist	294	+1	7.0	3.1	...
186	157	Macallum-Glen	170	+1	6.9	6.7	38.2
495	375	Matrin Mann 'A'	385	+5	...	2.9	18.3
165	125	Mansfield	160	...	15.4	2.4	∞
750	535	R&C Gp	750	-15	...	2.3	20.7
117	90	Robn Inf	95	-2	6.0	7.9	15.9
36	20	Rommo	31	...	...	...	...
570	452	Richard	476	+1	25.0	5.6	27.7
75	64	Ronkel	72	...	4.3	7.5	10.6
286	207	Rugby Group	281	-4	6.4	2.9	21.3
42	23	Sydd-Rees	42	...	...	...	...
113	68	Shapps & Fisher	113	...	...	...	4.4	19.6
172	82	Sheffield Inns	169 †	...	...	4.0	4.1	45.2
300	82	Sheriff Hidgs	100	...	...	...	2.5	14.9
95	66	Shoreo	74	...	...	...	8.8	16.8
228	197	Smart (J)	197 †	...	...	4.3	5.4	9.0
5	4½	Starrkin	5	...	0.3	6.3	∞
142	103	Taylor Wdrw	138	+2	5.5	5.0	...
194	137	Thy Homes	180	...	5.8	4.1	11.5
118	68	Taylor Woodrw	105	-5	1.0	1.2	...
588	433	Tilbury Dongls	585	...	20.0	3.3	...
35	29	Trust Hldgs	28	+1	...	1.8	...
227	168	Travis Perkins	226	...	9.0	4.4	20.8
40	30	Try Group	37	-1	1.0	3.4	10.5
28	26	Tudor's	28	...	...	1.1	...
74	61	Vibrgniant	68	-3	3.6	6.6	12.5
68	50	Wood Hidgs	55	+1	...	...	...
39	25	Waterhouse	30	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	360	...	10.7	3.4	14.8
29	18	Wescol	29	...	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	136 †	-4	5.0	4.6	...
12	6	West Scaffolds	9	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9 #	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	425	-4	8.7	2.6	20.3
255	187	Wilson Hldg	192	...	9.8	5.2	18.3
190	107	Wimpey G	178	-6	8.2	3.8	...
47	35	YRM	43	...	4.0	...	5.0

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	598	-2	...	...	∞
783	613	Amersham	765	-15	13.5	2.2	∞
7	3½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	...	...	...
1.801¼	832½	BASF DM	967½	-9½	...	7.3	...
259	199	BTR	249	...	...	5.3	...
£119	£101¼	Bayer DM50	£105½	-12½	...	9.5	7.1	18.0
178	134	Bingham	167	...	...	...	9.5	8.9
165	93	Bryant Chems	97	-1	...	...	...	...
395	395	Br Bio-Tech	390	...	...	1.3	10.4	...
29	15	Cabel Gp	16	...	...	7.2	6.5	10.2
153	126	Canning (W)	141	...	...	3.3	14.5
638	504	Courtaulds	627 †	+3	...	3.4	18.4
247	228	Croda	231	...	...	4.6	10.7
149	121	Dotcher	140	...	...	4.1	10.1
208	175	Ellis & Everard	205	...	7.0	4.3	18.5
33½	13½	Fum Colour	33	+2	0.8	3.0	20.3
291	259	Halstead (J)	280	+1	...	2.5	14.5
240	198	Hickson	219	+2	...	4.6	20.3
134	124	Im Cap	128	...	5.1	5.0	25.7
92	77	IMS UK Smlr	90	...	2.8	3.9	24.8
185	146½	Kleinwort Clen	171	...	5.0	3.7	33.3
42	34	Monument	40½	...	...	...	29.3
204	176	•dv- Ocean	204	...	5.3	2.0	16.0
126	108	•dv- Smlr	125	+3	4.0	4.0	30.3
295	240	Lon Debenture	280	-2	16.2	3.9	29.5
68	42	Sheldon Jones	68	...	...	3.4	13.6
133	88	Shiloh	132	...	2.9	2.7	14.2
361	285	Sketchley	340	-2	20.0	3.7	18.8
508	427	Slebe	473	-2	...	2.7	17.1
308	230	Skyrnlight	308	-2	...	3.2	18.1
134	102	Stone Dartry	111	...	...	3.8	13.6
162	32	Simon Eng	42	...	5.0	14.9	9.6
299	235	Sinclair Wm	239	...	7.0	3.7	15.4
257	187	Sir Hundred	248	+1	2.0	3.9	∞
184	140½	Smith & Nph	142	+½	...	6.1	19.0
513	389	Smithkline	479	-2	8.6	2.5	15.4
450	340	Smithkline Ue	384	...	...	3.5	13.9
394	320	Smiths Ind	362	-2	11.5	3.9	14.8
140	86	Stim Bus	72	...	3.3	6.0	6.7
410	265	Spandex	405	...	...	2.0	18.0
650	500	Spear (HW)	600	...	4.0	3.0	11.1
362	314	Sphere Servs	339	-1	...	3.4	21.5
145	55	Spring Ram	56	-4	...	0.3	18.1
270	222	Staveley	257	...	8.5	4.6	∞
147	120	Sterling Ind	132	...	5.0	5.3	10.5
20	11	Stonehill	18½	+½	...	...	...
7	7	Sutton	149	-1	8.8	7.4	15.6
360	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	354	-4	...	2.5	∞
7	5	Symonds	5½	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	63	...	...	7.9	12.1
275	202	Sykes	275	...	9.4	4.7	12.7
198	164	T & N	191	...	...	6.0	11.6
338	270	TI	337	+11	...	4.0	18.6
23	12	TLS Range	23	...	...	...	...
288	216	TT Group	284	+1	6.0	2.6	17.1
208	158	Takare	205	...	1.6	1.0	19.3
823	618	Takeda Chem	816	+3	...	0.5	21.6
42	24	Tea Hldgs	40	...	...	...	...
94	70	Tilney (E)a	90	...	...	6.0	11.9
255	190	Tomkins	248	+½	...	3.2	16.4
271	221	Tomkins	271	+½	...	3.2	16.4
132	67	Trainiger H	110	-1	...	3.6	...
110	95½	•do- 'A'	109	...	...	...	...
549	340	Transactr Tech	549	+5	16.0	2.7	13.7
198	159½	Tripiex Lloyd	175	-2	7.0	5.0	16.0
253	221	Unichem	231	...	5.0	3.2	...
308	259	Unidare	308	...	...	3.2	18.0
475	370	Ungerup	475	...	...	3.2	...
1240	989	Unilever	1031	-3	21.5	2.9	14.0
8112½	6625	Unilever (NV)	7875½	-12½	...	2.9	14.0
810	513	VSEL	765 †	-5	...	4.7	8.2
9½	6½	Vernon	9½	...	...	...	...
195	95½	Victaulic	175	-1	...	...	...	...
367	303	Vitaulic	324	...	...	5.0	10.0
264	203	Vinten	260	+4	...	3.4	10.8
604	427	Vesper Thorny	604	...	15.8	3.4	...
45	30	WSP Hidgs	45	...	...	3.3	10.8
488	410	Waeon Ind	421	-1	...	5.0	16.1
86	71	Walker Greenbk	84	...	3.1	4.7	20.9
258	201	Wassall	248	...	2.6	1.5	20.0
329	265	Watford Wdgwd	329	...	...	...	...
675	502	Weir	663	+5	7.5	1.1	20.2
693	558	Wellman	718	-2	13.0	2.5	19.8
239	226	Wellman	239	...	...	...	8.8
305	230	West Midlands	294	...	...	10.2	18.9
495	460	Whatman	495	...	9.5	2.4	16.6
351	267	Wiesnor	351 †	...	...	3.1	12.9
109	4	Wheway	109	...	10	13.2	...
80	27	Whitecroft	49	+1	4.0	...	4.1
9½	4½	Widney	7	...	...	...	...
93	44	Wilkn Dawes	81	-7	2.5	3.1	16.5
365	295	Williams Hldg	301	+1	12.5	5.2	15.8
245	17	Wilshaw	30½	+½	0.5	1.6	14.9
161	135	Wilson Bowdn	135	...	8.5	6.3	14.2
150	125	Wood Arthur	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
45	38	Wyko	45	...	2.0	4.4	20.5
59	38	Yhtuns (H)	56	...	3.0	6.7	20.5

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27	13	Albrighton	19	+1	...	...	...
188	87	Alfbna	97	...	...	5.8	10.8
99	65	Amec	92	...	3.0	4.3	17.0
9	4	Anglia Sec	9½	...	...	...	...
216	156	Ashtead	216	...	...	2.4	26.8
148	108	Ashwood	119	-1	5.0	5.3	17.0
180	139	Bdw Ind	178	+3	...	4.2	17.2
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	85	...	3.1	4.6	28.3
31	18	Bailey (Jos) Cap	27	...	0.5	...	...
168	74	Barcrom	160 †	...	1.2	1.6	18.1
147	94	Barratt Devs	140	...	2.0	1.7	15.3
412	305	Bellway	399	...	...	3.8	23.1
32	15	Bellwinch	26	...	...	...	...
433	355½	Berkeley Gp	383	-7	...	2.0	20.4
83	48	Best Bros	83 †	...	...	0.8	3.4
36	26	Blackfrys	27	...	1.0	2.1	66.3
265	189	Blue Circle	259	+1	...	5.4	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	282	...	5.0	2.6	15.8
106	78	Bredon PLC	96	...	...	4.6	6.1	22.7
121	82	Br Dredging	114	...	...	5.2	5.7	25.3
68	45	Brt Pitting	63	...	...	1.2	2.5	...
151	99	Bryant	138	+2	...	4.8	4.3	20.5
81	53	CALA	80	...	...	2.3	...	...
284	205	CRH	276	...	...	...	3.8	17.5
43	32	Calabrand Rby	34	...	...	...	...	...
494	23	Costain	43	...	2½	...	...	...
137½	86½	Countryside	130	...	...	...	4.0	34.0
70	38	Crest Nicholson	66	...	...	0.0	...	...
94	28	Cussins	85	...	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunton-A	1½	...	...	...	...	...
295	164	Edmund Hidgs	284	...	...	0.5	3.1	...
250	178	Evelin	250	...	...	6.8	3.4	21.2
31	22	Erith	49	...	...	0.3	0.8	...
370	252	Eve Group-A	370	+15	...	3.3	13.4
59	34	Evered Burdon	57	+1	2.0	4.4	26.8
9½	4½	Exploprod A	4½	...	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp-A	135	...	...	4.6	22.6
58	38	Galliford	43	...	...	4.8	...	16.9
78	60	Gibbs & Dandy	63	...	...	...	...	...
888	695	Gleeson (M)	888	...	...	12.7	1.8	14.1
1224	70	Hawdon-Stenni	117½	...	...	...	3.4	26.7
51	28	Hewetson	49	...	...	2.6	...	48.8
285	186	Heyrd Wm	285	...	...	12.5	5.5	...
106	37	Higgs & Hill	100	-2	2.5	3.1	...
35	27	How Gp	28	...	...	...	6.7	...
19	15	Howard Hidgs	18	...	...	...	3.5	...
70	39	Hunnk Johnsen	68	...	...	1.0	1.8	...
19	15	Jarvis	15	...	...	...	...	...
276	196	Laing (J)	260	+3	9.0	4.3	10.4
83	55	Ln Clydesdale	68	...	4.5	8.3	25.6
23	10½	Lovell (V)	21	...	...	...	9.5
313	240	Manders	313	+1	9.0	3.6	19.5
143	93	Marley	135	+1	4.2	3.9	30.5
91	61	Marshalls	90	...	3.0	3.4	19.6
165	122	Maunders (J)	163	+1	4.5	3.8	14.9
214	96	McAlpine (A)	209	+1	6.5	3.9	16.2
49	29	McCarthy & S	36	...	0.5	...	...
388	272	Meyer Int	367	+2	10.0	3.5	∞
4	4	Miskin Gp-a	4 #	...	...	...	...	...
129	62	Mowlem (J)	118	...	...	4.0	4.2	...
78	51	NSM	66	+3	...	...	...	...
53	48	Nestlec -A	48	...	...	3.7	22.3
160	106	Newman Tuke	154	+4	...	6.6	20.2
300	197	Persimmon	274	...	...	8.8	3.9	28.0
31	20	Phoenix Timber	26	...	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	...	20.0	2.4	9.3
146	80	Prowting	135	-2	3.4	3.2	...
7	4	Ransomes	6	...	...	...	...	...
780	535	R&C Gp	750	-15	...	2.3	20.7
117	90	Rmlan Inf	95	-2	6.0	7.9	15.9
36	20	Rmmns-a	31	...	...	...	...	...
570	452	Richard	476	+1	25.0	5.6	27.7
75	64	Ronkel	72	...	4.3	7.5	10.6
286	207	Rugby Group	281	-4	6.4	2.9	21.3
42	23	Sydd-Rees	42	...	...	...	...	...
113	68	Shapps & Fisher	113	...	...	...	4.4	19.6
172	82	Sheffield Inns	169 †	...	...	4.0	4.1	45.2
100	82	Sheriff Hidgs	100	...	...	...	2.5	14.9
95	66	Shoreo	74	...	...	...	8.8	16.8
228	197	Smart (J)	197 †	...	...	4.3	5.4	9.0
5	4½	Starrkin	5	...	0.3	6.3	∞
142	103	Taylor Wdrw	138	+2	5.5	5.0	...
194	137	Thy Homes	180	...	5.8	4.1	11.5
118	68	Taylor Woodrw	105	-5	1.0	1.2	...
588	433	Tilbury Dongls	585	...	20.0	3.3	...
35	29	Trust Hldgs	28	+1	...	1.8	...
227	168	Travis Perkins	226	...	9.0	4.4	20.8
40	30	Try Group	37	-1	1.0	3.4	10.5
28	26	Tudor's	28	...	...	1.1	...
74	61	Vibrgniant	68	-3	3.6	6.6	12.5
68	50	Wood Hidgs	55	+1	...	...	...
39	25	Waterhouse	30	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	360	...	10.7	3.4	14.8
29	18	Wescol	29	...	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	136 †	-4	5.0	4.6	...
12	6	West Scaffolds	9	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9 #	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	425	-4	8.7	2.6	20.3
255	187	Wilson Hldg	192	...	9.8	5.2	18.3
190	107	Wimpey G	178	-6	8.2	3.8	...
47	35	YRM	43	...	4.0	...	5.0

ELECTRICALS

182	143	ACT Group	160	+8	5.0	4.0	...
240	222	ACAL	237	...	...	3.4	∞
162½	38	Acorn Comps	105	...	...	...	53.5
680	365	Admiral	441	+1	5.4	1.5	18.7
131	104	Alba	130	...	4.7	4.6	17.1
48	19½	Alphameric	46	...	...	...	...
39½	22	Amstrad	36	-½	0.4	...	...
128	73	App Holos	80	...	...	...	...
21	13	Arlen	19	...	...	...	...
50	35	Assc	38	...	...	...	...	0.9
280	250	Baltic Homer	280	+5	9.2	4.1	14.8
9	3½	Bennett & Fount	5½	...	...	...	...	...
405½	319	BICC	386	+3	19.2	5.2	26.3
575	455	Blick	497	...	9.2	2.3	19.4
1700	1150	Bodmin	1400	-50	...	...	...
328	274	Bowthorpe	328	+1	6.3	2.4	∞
495½	378	BT	413	+2	...	4.8	20.4
19½	5½	Bridgin (AF) 'A'	19½	+½	0.1	1.2	∞
159	110	Burnfield	159	...	...	5.7	4.5	25.1
760	669	Cable Wireless	745	-4	13.2	2.2	22.0
21½	11½	Chloride	20½	...	...	...	...	...
288	220	CMD Micro	288	...	...	2.3	∞
115	74	Compir People	115	...	0.6	0.7	...
158	108½	Cray Elec	153	-1	...	0.4	12.5
395	343	Chrisley	353	+4	...	2.3	∞
119	86	Dale	104	...	5.1	4.1	10.1
548	414	Delta	539	...	...	3.3	22.2
298	205	Dennans 'A'	298	...	...	2.6	12.7
620	480	Domino	433	-2	7.2	1.9	16.2
68	49	Dowding Mills	57	...	2.5	5.3	18.7
1040	865	Dynelec	985	...	...	1.2	24.8
411	358	Electrocomps	393	...	...	2.6	18.0
575	470	El Data Prc	555	...	5.1	1.1	15.2
1186.5	493	Electron Hsnge	485	...	...	2.3	3.5	25.9
309	109	Emess	259	+½	0.1	0.5	...
994	462	Eurotherm	980	...	8.0	1.7	20.8
139	108	FKI	139	...	2.5	2.1	28.9
400	340	Farnell Elec	400	+3	...	1.9	21.2
51	33	Feedback	48	...	...	...	...	...
18	9½	Ferranti	14½	...	...	...	...	...
228	101	First Tech	228	...	...	...	...	...
236	81	Forward Gp-a	222 †	...	...	1.9	20.1
27	16	Forward Tech	16	...	...	...	...	...
338	264	GEC	335½	+4½	9.6	3.6	17.9
182	152	Gresley	163	...	...	8.4	34.3
11½	7½	Gregsame	7½	...	...	...	...	...
39	29	Hillcrest-a	36	...	...	1.7	11.7
161	83	INTEM-a	161	+2	...	2.4	11.6
1728	1503	Ionex	1683	+15	40.0	3.0	13.4
40	33	Hampden Grp-a	34	...	...	3.7	16.9
277	20	Hanimex	44	-2	4.8	13.8	2.7
29½	20	Hatton Pic	29½	...	2.0	10.7	11.1
60	29	Heritage	58	...	...	...	...	...
85	35	Honeycombe	58	...	...	...	...	...
93	63	Jacques Vert	83	...	...	2.0	...	...
619	465	Kalon	590	-7	...	2.9	19.3
74	65½	Leslie Wire Gp	66	...	6.0	7.6	16.6
685	495	Liberty	660	...	12	1.4	75.4
430	265	Lloyds Chem	265	-10	5.5	2.4	11.1
152	118	MB	135	...	...	3.5	18.0
365	311	Marks Spencer	340	-2	...	4.4	17.0
505	445	Marples (John)	490	...	17.0	4.6	15.9
180	135	Moss Bros	182	...	...	5.5	3.8	∞
1785	1394	Next	1622	-2	25.5	1.9	19.3
40	15	Oliver (J)	40	...	...	...	...	...
362	197	Oriflame Int	362	+1	...	...	3.7	∞
63	45	Persos	54	...	...	1.5	3.5	11.2
313	255	QS Hldgs	284	...	...	5.1	2.3	20.2
411	11	Rainford Group	11½	-½	2.4	9.0	...	...
49	35	Rhino Grps	37½	...	...	...	...	...
174	157	Sherwood Gp	169	...	...	1.9	15.2
108	93	Sears	98½	...	3.5	4.4	∞
488	403	Smiths Wt 'A'	480	-6	13.4	3.8	13.5
15	4½	Specialgrave	15	...	...	...	...	...
219	176	Stonebouse	216	+1	...	3.0	26.8
191	148	T & S Stores	164	...	5.9	4.5	12.2
133	91	Tie Rack	126	+1	...	1.0	20.2
220	160	Time Products	216	+1	7.5	3.4	12.5
100	63	Usher (Frank)a	97	+1	...	6.4	2.7
43	27	Vinci	36	...	1.0	3.6	10.8
40	35	Wenstons	36	...	...	6.3	...
78	70	Wickes	115	...	...	...	...	30.1
71	45	Wkf of Leathers	71	...	...	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale	181	-1	...	2.8	∞
4	2½	Xtra

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373				
Mastertrust	118.80	127.00	+1.00	.86
International	91.51	97.35	+1.28	.92
Dividend Gth	57.00	60.63	+0.15	4.63
Global Gth Sec	62.07	66.03	+0.07	2.62
Ethical Growth	66.20	69.36†	+0.05	2.52
High Inc Equity	148.60	158.00	-0.40	5.04
Worldwide Bond	268.40	284.70†	+2.80	3.69
Gilts Fixed Inc	128.30	136.10†	-0.60	6.06
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0224 633070				
Dealing: 0800 833580				
30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ 071 374 6891				
Amer Inc Gth	42.55	44.92	-0.63	0.69
European	80.99	85.82	+0.18	..
European Inc	77.26	82.02†	+0.12	1.83
Exempt	404.60	431.60†	+6.10	3.30
Extra Inc	42.73	46.34†	+0.17	4.98
F East Emerg Ec	84.50	90.93	+1.84	0.71
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL 0793 514514				
Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	377.20	403.20	+0.70	4.08
Equity Inc	212.20	226.80	+0.10	4.02
High Yield	233.50	249.60†	+2.10	4.10
Balanced	631.50	675.00†	+1.50	2.62
American Inc	46.87	50.10	-0.07	3.19
Wld Asset Val	40.01	42.77	-0.24	1.10
Japan	209.90	223.60	-0.90	0.01
Secs of Am	398.10	421.70†	-6.10	0.58
AXA EQUITY & LAW				
St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	311.60	331.50	+0.60	2.74
-do- Inc	220.90	235.00	+0.60	2.74
Higher Inc Acc	568.00	604.30	+4.40	3.71
-do- Inc	345.00	367.10	+2.60	3.71
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	174.90	184.70	-0.90	6.03
-do- Inc	91.65	96.80	-0.43	6.03
Nth America	251.30	267.40	-3.50	...
Far East	303.40	322.80	+3.20	0.18
Europe	224.50	238.90	...	1.02
General Inc	424.00	451.10	+1.00	2.46
-do- Acc	465.20	494.90	+1.10	2.46
Brit Excell	62.91	66.93†	+0.14	2.76
Brit Fndmtls Inc	66.01	70.23	-0.42	4.41
Brit Fndmtls Acc	85.09	90.53	-0.55	4.91
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544				
Capital	105.10	112.50	+0.30	2.78
Euro Gth Inc	114.00	120.90	+0.60	1.04
Extra Inc	105.20	112.50	+1.00	4.83
General	239.40	256.00	+1.20	2.96
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.33	59.22†	+0.28	8.51
Income	483.70	517.30	-2.80	4.49
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Gth	90.07	95.60	-1.47	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	115.50	123.80	-3.40	...
Convertibles	53.24	56.94	+0.49	7.00
Eastern	186.70	200.90	+5.30	1.60
Equity Income	80.68	85.82	-0.55	6.30
European Gth	226.50	240.70†	+0.80	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	149.20	159.30†	+1.00	1.90
Exempt	83.46	88.66	+0.76	3.60
German Growth	56.12	59.75	-0.07	0.70
Global Growth	107.70	114.80	-0.40	..
Japan Growth	207.20	221.80	-0.10	..
Japan Sunrise	180.90	193.00	-0.30	...
Portfolio	117.00	125.20	+0.40	3.20
-do- Acc	208.50	223.20	+0.70	3.20
UK Growth	82.99	88.28	+0.65	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	86.93	92.97	+1.15	1.90
Select Managers	63.01	67.48	+0.49	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	104.51	111.77	+0.89	1.87
-do- Inc	95.01	101.61	+0.81	1.87
Global Bond	28.86	30.62†	+0.34	5.37
High Yield Acc	53.33	57.03	+0.38	3.50
-do- Inc	38.71	41.40	+0.28	3.50
Smllr Cos Acc	91.52	97.89	+1.05	1.35
-do- Inc	84.12	89.97†	+0.96	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	55.51	59.37	-1.30	...
-do- Inc	54.47	58.26	-1.28	...
Euro Gth Acc	100.89	107.90	+0.14	1.07
-do- Inc	99.51	106.42	+0.13	1.07
Mngd P folio	34.72	37.13	+0.08	1.29
Pacific Growth	104.75	112.03	-2.39	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	86.13	92.12	+0.17	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	126.30	134.50	+0.80	3.11
Smaller Cos Acc	299.10	320.00	+4.30	...
Smaller Cos Inc	174.00	186.20	+2.60	1.16
High Inc	70.21	75.48†	+0.23	6.94
Income	127.40	136.30	+1.20	4.08
Mngd P folio Inc	94.93	101.10	+0.90	1.97
-do- Acc	179.40	191.10	+1.80	...
North American	100.10	106.60	-2.10	0.20
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542				
Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	60.91	64.80	-0.07	1.48
-do- Acc	68.65	73.04	-0.09	1.25
Income Fund 5	212.00	225.70	+1.90	4.02
-do- Acc	493.50	525.10	+4.40	4.14
Inv Portfolio	67.06	69.50	+0.24	2.10
-do- Acc	75.74	78.49	+0.28	2.07
Smaller Cos	128.20	136.40	-0.11	1.64
-do- Acc	154.00	163.90	...	1.52
High Inc P folio	60.42	62.62	+0.66	4.65
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	134.50	143.10†	+0.10	1.71
UK Growth	146.80	156.20	+0.80	2.13
UK Income	122.20	130.00	+0.70	4.22
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	86.65	92.68	+0.46	1.64
Growth	43.94	47.00	-0.11	2.92
Income	54.02	57.78	+0.22	3.50
Far East	49.42	53.14	+0.47	0.15
North American	81.52	87.66	-2.75	...
Global	84.05	89.90	-0.64	0.74
European	70.09	74.97	+0.09	1.19
Japan	117.50	125.70	-0.80	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	58.44	61.93	+0.54	5.18
UK Cap Gwth	79.51	85.04	-0.09	1.98
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF				
Enquiries: 061 236 5685				
Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	126.80	134.90	-1.70	0.23
-do- Acc	134.80	143.50	-1.80	0.23
European	65.74	69.64	-0.01	0.77
-do- Acc	68.14	72.18	-0.01	0.77
Far East Gen	69.19	73.61	+0.47	...
-do- Acc	69.19	73.61	+0.47	...
Glenfriars	254.60	270.90	+2.10	0.68
-do- Acc	286.60	304.90	+2.30	0.68

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Growth	378.90	405.30	+1.60	2.25
-do- Acc	648.60	693.70	+2.70	2.25
Income Growth	373.40	397.30	+3.40	3.83
-do- Acc	496.50	528.30	+4.50	3.83
Master Portfolio	9426.0	9769.0	-19.00	2.25
-do- Acc	10908.0	11305.0	-23.00	2.25
Special Sits	86.97	92.53	+0.15	2.22
-do- Acc	101.77	108.27	-0.16	2.22
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1180.0	1223.0†	+6.00	4.40
-do- Acc	1399.0	1443.0	+7.00	4.40
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	188.70	201.20	-2.10	1.64
Capital	530.10	565.70	+5.90	2.40
Eurotrack 100	130.10	138.50	+1.80	1.49
Euro Gth	80.66	86.02	+0.65	1.31
Far East Growth	94.64	101.00	+0.60	0.07
Global Bond	23.63	24.90	+0.10	6.01
Hong Kong	84.44	90.11	+2.24	0.76
Income	497.90	530.90	+5.60	3.92
Intl Growth	74.48	79.48	-0.24	0.98
Japan Growth	286.40	305.60	-1.60	...
Japan Smllr Cos	36.60	39.06	-0.24	...
Japan Index	82.62	88.17	+0.20	0.22
Nth American	426.30	454.90	-7.30	0.33
S pore Mly Gth	54.92	58.61†	+0.59	...
The Footsie Fd	106.00	111.90†	+0.80	2.74
Tiger Index	142.20	151.70	+2.20	0.61
UK Index	123.90	131.80	+1.00	2.95
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	82.14	87.75†	-0.25	1.00
European P folio	73.47	78.17	+1.49	1.38
Japanese P folio	68.69	73.01	+0.05	...
Pacific P folio	101.20	108.32†	-2.59	1.11
Cazenove P folio	71.40	76.37	+0.37	3.00
UK Income Gth	63.06	67.59	+0.69	5.00
Utility & Bond	49.44	50.13	+0.31	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	599.55	601.80	...	4.95
Fixed Int	153.15	153.90	...	9.42
Deposit	5.65	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	590.99	598.50	...	5.00
-do- Acc	2316.8	2332.7	...	...
Deposit	5.65	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.45	124.64	...	9.31
-do- Acc	166.60	166.90	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	62.27	65.55	-0.19	2.30
Beckman Intl	80.46	84.95	+0.83	3.12
Friars Hse Inc	176.59	189.88	+1.66	6.12
Friars Hse Cap	244.73	263.15	+0.42	2.77
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222				
Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Smaller Cos	35.98	38.28	-0.35	1.86
-do- Acc	40.54	43.13	-0.39	1.86
Wwide Bd	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Wwide Sp Sits	57.23	61.21	-0.11	0.23
-do- Acc	59.62	63.76	-0.12	0.23
Quilter	122.40	130.21	+1.21	2.42
-do- Acc	135.93	144.61	+1.35	2.42
Quilter Income	93.00	98.94	-0.01	3.06
-do- Acc	114.62	121.94	-0.01	3.06
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	82.79	88.07	+2.25	0.90
Japanese Acc	65.65	69.84	+0.05	...
UK Balncd Inc	125.60	133.60†	-0.90	2.51
-do- Acc	148.10	157.60†	+1.00	2.51
UK Growth Acc	206.20	219.40†	+0.40	2.20
UK High Inc	130.90	139.30†	+0.90	6.82
-do- Acc	158.40	168.50†	+1.00	6.82
N America Acc	108.90	115.80	-2.00	0.24
European Acc	154.20	164.00	+0.70	0.43
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.37	62.97†	+0.20	8.97
-do- Acc	97.37	103.30†	+0.30	8.97
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	108.20	115.00	-2.10	0.43
UK Smlr Cos	199.80	212.30†	+1.40	1.18
Eurofund	37.54	39.79	+0.50	1.01
Mngd Exempt	165.70	172.70	+2.10	3.04
Growth Inc	213.00	226.30	+1.50	3.76
High Dist	140.60	149.40†	+0.10	5.19
International	319.60	339.60	-0.80	0.96
Intl Income	80.24	85.66	+0.28	3.04
Pacific	59.05	62.74	+1.06	0.48
Smllr Jap Cos	76.34	81.01	-0.93	...
Tokyo	215.30	228.80	...	...
Japan Exempt	126.30	129.70	+5.30	0.39
Sm Jap Exempt	626.10	643.30	...	0.08
Equity Income	...	...	...	...
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	...	...	...	...
Australia	6.677	7.090	-0.10	1.11
Euro Spec Sits	139.80	148.10	-0.20	0.93
Financial	40.12	42.63	+0.27	2.81
Global Opps Inc	87.84	93.33	-1.16	2.15
-do- Acc	91.05	96.74	-1.20	2.15
Gold Gen Inc	47.71	50.69	-1.60	0.85
-do- Acc	91.57	97.29	-3.11	0.85
Income	119.70	127.20†	...	4.01
Japan General	165.60	176.00	-1.20	...
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	177.40	188.70	+1.80	1.06
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	104.54	110.04	+1.23	3.16
High Income	119.34	125.62†	+1.26	4.78
Tst of Inv Tsts	146.41	154.12	+2.14	1.97
Special Sits	86.11	90.64	+1.64	2.49
North American	101.67	107.02	-1.43	0.83
Far Eastern	251.06	264.27	+2.08	1.48
Intl Growth	94.36	99.33	-0.57	1.40
European	63.39	66.73†	+0.02	2.17
Smaller Cos	69.90	73.58†	-0.33	2.22
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	217.60	231.40†	...	3.31
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	120.90	128.60	+2.10	...
High Income	25.10	26.41†	+0.18	5.69

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FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	92.14	97.50	+1.32	0.76
Far Eastern	140.60	150.30	+0.40	...
Overs Income	86.52	92.45†	+0.06	2.31
UK Growth	93.97	100.50	-0.50	0.97
UK Income	99.11	106.00†	+0.40	3.27
US Smaller Cos	243.40	260.30	+0.10	0.08
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	47.71	50.72	-1.00	...
-do- Acc	47.71	50.72	-1.00	...
Am Smllr Co	414.90	443.60	-5.00	...
-do- Acc	423.80	453.30	-5.00	...
Capital	290.60	309.10	+0.10	2.04
-do- Acc	404.70	430.40	+0.10	2.04
Contl Smllr Cos	47.57	51.30†	-0.17	0.86
-do- Acc	49.72	53.57†	-0.18	0.86
Convertible	116.20	123.50	+0.60	5.88
-do- Acc	215.10	228.60	+0.90	5.88
Emg Mark	51.22	54.72	+0.74	...
-do- Acc	51.22	54.72	+0.74	...
European	95.90	102.40†	+0.50	0.95
-do- Acc	99.76	106.50†	+0.50	0.95
Extra Income	294.40	313.10	+3.80	4.02
-do- Acc	412.20	438.40	+5.30	4.02
Financial	102.40	110.10†	-0.10	0.69
-do- Acc	107.20	115.20†	-0.20	0.69
Health Fund Inc	116.10	124.00	-1.00	...
-do- Acc	116.10	124.00	-1.00	...
Income Tst	177.20	188.40†	+1.90	3.88
-do- Acc	251.10	267.00†	+2.70	3.88
Intl Growth	314.10	335.90	-1.10	...
-do- Acc	348.80	373.00	-1.20	...
Japan Gen	187.70	200.30	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	189.60	202.30	-0.50	...
Mngd P folio Inc	90.46	95.22	+0.24	0.91
-do- Acc	95.10	100.10	+0.25	0.91
Monthly Income	152.20	161.80	+2.10	3.95
Qrtly Inc	48.63	51.72†	+0.05	5.91
-do- Acc	48.75	51.85†	+0.05	5.91
Recovery	291.80	312.00	-2.40	0.61
-do- Acc	341.70	365.40	-2.80	0.61
UK Growth	46.61	49.85	-0.19	2.59
-do- Acc	46.61	49.85	-0.19	2.59
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH				
Dealing: 0722 411411				
Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	344.64	366.64†	+0.90	2.83
-do- Acc	703.77	748.69†	+1.12	2.83
Euro Gth Dist	106.08	112.85	+0.27	0.90
-do- Acc	109.25	116.22	+0.28	0.90
Fixed Int Dist	128.17	135.57†	+0.58	6.47
-do- Acc	218.06	230.65†	+0.99	6.47
Intl Gth Dist	77.47	82.41†	+0.54	0.73
-do- Acc	80.42	85.55†	+0.56	0.73
Nth Amer Dist	164.29	174.04	-1.04	0.86
-do- Acc	178.17	188.74	-1.14	0.86
Pac Basin Dist	255.56	271.87	+5.74	0.07
-do- Acc	259.60	276.17	+5.84	0.07
Stewardship Dist	301.40	320.64†	+0.29	1.75
-do- Acc	359.39	382.33†	+0.38	1.75
Stwd Inc Dist	64.28	68.38†	+0.19	3.19
-do- Acc	79.51	84.59†	+0.41	3.19
N Am Stwd Dist	96.35	102.50	-0.22	...
-do- Acc	101.92	108.43	-0.23	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567. Dlng: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	138.60	148.30	-2.00	...
European	407.00	432.60	+2.00	0.98
Far East General	231.40	247.40	+4.40	0.29
Germany	96.54	102.30	+0.90	0.43
Global Assets In	68.46	73.12†	+0.86	2.20
Global Assets Ac	72.39	77.31	+0.91	2.16
Income Inc	122.90	131.50	+1.20	6.69
International	270.00	288.80	+0.50	0.97
Intl Income	74.48	79.36†	+0.12	5.02
Japan General	380.90	405.00	+2.10	...
Smllr Cos Div	47.19	50.47	+0.47	6.02
UK Capital Inc	168.90	180.70	+2.50	3.82
-do- Acc	288.90	309.00	+4.10	3.63
UK Spec Sits	76.89	82.24	+1.58	1.54
US General	113.50	120.80†	-2.20	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	116.00	124.00	-0.90	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212				
Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	43.84	46.89	-0.14	1.54
Cash Trust	128.92	128.92	+0.10	5.29
Pract Inv Inc	102.94	110.39	+0.61	4.10
-do- Acc	220.99	236.99	+1.32	4.10
UK Smaller Cos	104.13	111.67	+3.48	0.91
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.36	27.12	-0.16	8.00
High Inc	31.48	33.67†	+0.31	4.93
UK Equity Inc	127.74	136.62	+1.59	3.95
Global Bond	29.40	30.46	+0.21	4.73
International Funds				
Gold Intl	81.35	87.26†	-2.49	0.66
Frontier Markets	41.52	44.53	+1.07	0.49
Global Inc Gth	117.71	125.64	-0.69	1.90
UK Intl	112.29	120.10	-0.05	0.25
Overseas Funds				
American	125.01	133.52†	-1.00	0.51
European	81.54	86.51	+0.40	0.61
Euro Sel Opps	95.41	101.85	+0.52	0.89
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979				
Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	127.40	136.26	+0.30	0.37
American Gth	121.84	130.31	-2.99	...
European Gth	66.57	71.18	+0.26	0.42
Japan Gth	83.02	88.79	+0.69	...
Pacific Inc	147.43	157.68	-11.61	2.85
Pacific Strategy	126.86	135.68	+3.40	0.25
UK Prog Inc	70.39	74.18†	+0.04	4.61
Gt British Cos	46.86	49.48†	-0.68	2.70
UK Small Cos	45.05	48.18	+0.19	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	131.20	131.20	...	4.83
Gilt Fixed	119.20	126.60	+1.00	6.18
Growth Equity	284.70	304.10†	+1.20	2.18
Guardhill	424.10	453.00	+3.00	2.22
Income Trust	109.90	117.40	+1.30	3.03
International	157.10	167.80	...	0.36
Japan Trust	129.40	138.20	-0.10	...
Nth American	247.10	263.90	-1.10	0.49
Pacific	369.70	394.90	+4.90	0.02
European	340.80	364.00†	-1.70	0.74
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 680, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	35.28	37.40	-0.20	1.69
-do- Acc	36.93	39.15	+0.22	1.69
Inc Adv Inc	29.22	30.98†	+0.17	4.03
-do- Acc	30.66	32.51	+0.18	4.03
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex				
Enquiries: 0277 227300				
Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	78.30	83.88	+0.38	0.92
Equity Income	111.50	118.60†	+0.50	3.47
European	130.60	138.20	+0.60	1.14
Intl Situation	74.82	79.60	+0.45	...
Japanese	150.50	159.70	...	...
North American	95.04	100.80†	-1.20	...
Scandinavian	112.00	118.30	-1.40	...
Smaller Cos	31.26	33.25	+0.17	1.92

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HENDERSON				
PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET				
Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	87.09	93.09	-1.61	...
Asian Enterprise	132.15	142.83	+2.85	0.55
Australian	131.83	141.99	-1.30	1.39
European	367.38	390.03†	-0.62	1.30
European Inc	70.55	74.62	+0.48	2.94
Euro Sml Co	119.98	127.93	-1.06	0.55
Extra Income	255.54	272.04†	+2.11	4.89
Family of Funds	70.82	75.63	+0.70	1.23
Fixed Interest	54.67	58.45†	+0.20	7.65
Global Resour	102.46	109.99	-0.96	0.76
High Inc	288.78	308.70†	+3.83	4.30
Income Gth	232.82	247.85†	+1.63	3.64
-do- Acc	601.72	640.83†	+4.21	3.64
International	228.70	243.69	+0.48	0.94
Japan Spc Sit	253.88	270.21	+1.83	...
Japan	217.69	231.51	+0.41	...
N Amer	214.44	228.34	-2.61	0.25
Pacific Smllr Cos	197.71	213.32	+6.82	0.27
Pref Gilt	45.83	49.48†	+0.24	8.53
Smaller Cos Div	167.81	182.91†	+0.97	3.75
Special Sits	259.70	277.87	-0.34	1.72
-do- Acc	400.17	428.18	-0.51	1.72
Best of British	54.79	58.70†	+0.27	2.60
Spirit of the East	61.73	66.01	+0.84	1.34
Henderson TR				
Dealing 071 410 4029				
American Gth	78.27	83.20	-1.66	...
Euro Spec Sits	45.56	48.52	+1.14	...
-do- Acc	48.34	51.38	+1.22	...
Far East Opps	32.94	35.45†	+0.76	...
-do- Acc	34.00	36.59	+0.84	...
General Growth	97.75	104.69	+0.51	2.02
Global Tech	119.77	129.75†	+2.46	...
Income Growth	102.23	110.00	+0.74	3.41
Income Monthly	56.98	60.94	+0.51	4.24
Japan Growth	86.54	92.06†	-0.04	...
Overseas Gth	75.72	80.54†	+0.41	...
Smaller Cos	74.85	80.46	+0.03	1.53
Special Opps	103.77	111.58	-0.08	2.09
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS				
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	85.77	91.73†	+0.63	2.29
Capital	154.00	164.70	-0.80	1.91
Dollar	298.90	319.60	-3.90	0.03
European	197.60	211.30	+1.70	0.64
Far East	238.10	254.60	+2.70	0.27
Financial	689.00	736.80	-5.80	1.99
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.50	26.49	+0.13	7.85
High Yield	98.93	105.80†	+0.30	4.62
Income	131.80	140.90†	+0.70	3.50

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Intl	213.40	228.30	+0.70	0.31
Japan Tech	75.33	80.58	-0.17	0.67
Nat Resources	57.98	62.01	-0.34	0.67
Security	293.30	313.60	+3.20	1.98
Smaller Cos	110.20	117.80	-0.20	1.26
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS				
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	25.10	27.44	+0.02	1.51
Special Features	26.85	28.52	+0.07	1.64
-do- Acc	31.70	33.68	+0.09	1.64
General Funds				
UK Growth	52.69	56.38†	+0.39	1.90
Assets Earnings	70.06	74.43	+0.42	1.91
do Acc	82.33	87.47	+0.49	1.91
Managed Invest	87.71	93.67	+0.23	1.18
Rupert Children	74.38	79.39	+0.51	1.83
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.67	50.67	+0.05	4.42
Extra Inc	78.64	84.11	+0.48	4.83
Gilt	27.77	29.28	+0.14	6.74
Income Gth	38.19	40.83†	+0.23	3.45
MIMstar	75.46	77.12	+0.32	7.96
Preference	17.51	19.19†	+0.05	6.24
UK Income	305.10	326.20	+3.00	2.94
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	56.26	59.77†	+0.48	1.26
Property Shares	64.42	69.33	+0.22	1.70
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	141.80	149.30†	+0.60	3.75
European Acc	110.80	117.30	+1.60	1.79
European Dis	105.50	111.70	+1.50	1.79
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	47.64	50.70	-0.75	0.02
European Perf	109.30	116.00	+1.30	1.04
-do- Acc	111.30	118.20	+1.40	1.04
Euro Small Cos	21.00	22.37	+0.02	0.74
French Growth	64.85	69.00	+0.74	0.53
-do- Acc	69.27	73.71	+0.79	0.53
Hong K/China	72.93	78.30	+2.44	1.59
Intl Growth	51.68	54.91	+0.22	0.64
-do- Acc	51.68	54.91	+0.22	0.64
Japan Perf	36.68	38.96†	-0.31	...
Accum Units	36.68	38.96†	-0.31	...
Japan Smllr Cos	39.22	41.70	+0.13	...
Singapore Asean	82.33	86.94	+2.33	0.28
-do- Acc	82.84	89.49	+2.34	0.28
South East Asia	239.60	257.60	+8.00	0.93
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD				
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.52	69.86†	+0.06	5.03
Extra Income	51.17	54.44†	+0.59	7.09

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Gilt Yield	116.50	123.00†	+0.60	7.35
Global Income	195.30	207.80†	-1.50	4.22
High Yield	134.10	142.70	+4.30	3.80
Smllr Cos Div	47.86	50.92†	+0.33	4.12
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	86.03	91.52	-2.28	...
North American	72.91	77.58†	-1.38	0.44
European	130.60	138.90	+1.50	0.84
Euro Special	77.27	82.20	+0.40	0.94
General	260.30	276.90	+2.30	3.22
Japan	449.80	478.50†	-1.90	...
Japanese Special	251.30	267.30	-4.30	...
Master Acc	213.90	227.60	+0.00	1.36
Pacific	268.70	285.90	-4.20	0.56
Smaller Cos	97.99	104.20†	-3.70	1.61
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	72.69	77.33	+0.22	1.03
Extra Income	23.65	25.16	+0.23	3.28
Far East	27.97	29.76	+0.37	0.86
Income Gwth	71.83	76.41	-0.55	2.80
Intl Growth	51.44	54.72	+0.09	0.67
Japan	67.23	71.52	+0.11	...
Maximum Dist*	100.00	102.00†	+0.10	6.91
N Amer Equity	37.32	39.70†	-0.34	0.27
UK Equity	85.63	91.10†	+0.18	2.98
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	52.94	56.32	+0.21	4.44
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex				
Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	420.10	446.90	+2.10	2.90
Equity Acc	797.40	848.30	+4.00	2.90
Equity Income	90.34	96.11	+0.33	5.14
European	94.75	100.80	+0.30	1.70
Far Eastern	188.00	200.00	+2.30	0.29
Fixed Interest	51.18	54.45†	-0.57	6.41
Gilt	89.57	94.98	+0.39	6.48
Global Growth	66.09	70.31†	+0.35	0.74
Intl Bond	55.88	59.45	+0.52	4.78
Japanese	74.45	79.20	+0.18	...
Overseas Equity	95.02	101.10†	+0.20	0.78
Pacific Gth	87.38	92.96	+2.31	1.20
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	308.70	328.50†	+0.90	2.88
-do- Acc	678.10	721.40	+2.00	2.88
Contl Euro Gth	50.26	52.91	+0.55	1.48
-do- Acc	53.15	55.95	+0.58	1.48
Extra Inc	236.10	251.20	+4.80	3.81
-do- Acc	583.90	621.20	+12.30	3.81
German Gth	100.40	105.70	+0.60	0.30
-do- Acc	105.30	110.90	+0.60	0.30
Growth Port	486.00	517.10	+0.90	0.84
-do- Acc	486.00	517.10	+0.90	0.84
Income	444.20	472.60	+8.30	3.54
-do- Acc	1140.0	1213.0	+20.00	3.54
Income Port	483.60	514.50	+1.50	4.01
-do- Acc	488.20	519.60	+1.60	4.01
Japan Growth	101.30	107.80	-0.40	0.01
-do- Acc	101.70	108.20	-0.50	0.01
Master Trust	51.61	54.91	+0.22	1.42
-do- Acc	56.13	59.72	+0.24	1.42
N American Gen	176.80	188.20	-2.80	0.01
-do- Acc	204.40	217.50	-3.10	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	137.10	145.90	-0.10	0.01
-do- Acc	139.90	148.90	-0.20	0.01
Pacific Basin	204.30	217.40	+5.30	0.48
-do- Acc	215.90	229.70	+5.50	0.48
Small Cos Rec	304.00	320.00†	-0.40	2.29
-do- Acc	395.90	416.80	-0.30	2.29
UK Growth	76.72	81.62	-1.25	2.31
-do- Acc	89.45	95.16	-1.44	2.31
Worldwide Gth	276.70	294.40†	+0.70	0.18
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	76.47	82.05†	-0.39	2.80
Income	59.74	64.10	-1.03	5.40
International	56.81	60.95†	-0.01	0.70
American	57.91	62.14	-0.68	0.30
Japan	56.66	60.79	+0.11	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	56.05	60.14	-0.61	1.90
M & G SECURITIES LTD				
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB				
Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	377.40	398.60	-3.40	0.89
-do- Acc	465.70	491.80	-4.30	0.89
American Rec	402.10	425.20†	-7.20	0.22
-do- Acc	460.70	487.20	-8.20	0.22
Am Sm Co Acc	116.03	122.93	-0.30	...
Australia Acc	152.90	161.20	-1.70	1.19
Capital	661.00	699.00	+8.20	2.50
-do- Acc	729.40	771.30	+9.00	2.50
Commodity Acc	422.50	446.80	-0.60	0.79
Compnd Gth	808.40	854.90	...	2.93
Dividend	34.70	36.70†	+0.10	4.23
-do- Acc	137.40	145.50	+0.40	4.23
Equity Inc	299.00	316.20	...	4.81
European Div	59.10	62.50	...	4.35
-do- Acc	66.70	70.70	...	4.35
European Gen	383.50	405.60	+3.00	1.14
-do- Acc	479.10	506.70	+3.70	1.14

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Extra Yield	372.50	394.30	-0.90	4.42
-do- Acc	1090.3	1153.0	-2.60	4.42
Far Eastern	305.30	322.90	+8.30	0.65
-do- Acc	401.60	424.80	+11.00	0.65
Fund of Inv	498.60	527.30†	+6.00	2.18
-do- Acc	909.40	961.80	+10.90	2.18
General	53.30	56.40	+0.50	3.59
-do- Acc	140.40	148.60	+1.20	3.59
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.90	60.90†	+0.30	7.79
do Acc	153.10	153.20	+0.90	7.79
Gold	51.20	54.10	-2.70	0.95
-do- Acc	59.90	63.30	-3.20	0.95
High Inc	34.50	35.90†	-0.40	4.52
-do- Acc	92.80	98.20	+0.70	4.52
Intl Growth	68.30	72.20	+0.50	0.90
-do- Acc	117.70	124.50	+0.80	0.90
Intl Inc	92.30	97.60	+0.10	4.61
Japan Gen Acc	52.60	55.60	+0.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	157.50	166.60	+0.70	...
Midland	55.30	58.50	+0.10	3.23
-do- Acc	177.00	187.30	+0.30	3.23
Recovery	36.70	38.80	-0.30	2.67
-do- Acc	57.70	60.90	+0.30	2.67
Second Gen	61.40	64.90	+0.40	3.42
-do- Acc	150.10	158.80	+1.00	3.42
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 410, Chester X. CH99 9QG 0244 688066				
Inv Port Inc	135.60	145.00	+0.70	2.00
-do- Acc	150.50	161.00	+0.70	2.00
UK Income	112.00	119.70†	-1.00	2.65
-do- Acc	126.30	135.30†	+1.10	2.65
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	81.37	87.02	+2.14	0.78
Far East (Pacific)	137.10	145.50†	-1.20	0.63
Income Growth	70.21	74.53†	+0.54	3.12
European	66.56	70.65	+0.04	1.28
Nth American	54.93	58.31†	-0.27	1.04
UK Growth	75.44	80.08	+0.37	1.61
Intl Growth	94.68	100.50	+0.61	0.65
Charities	105.60	112.10†	+0.20	3.80
Intl Income	66.44	70.53†	+0.33	4.28
Japan	55.06	58.45	-0.72	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	180.70	192.10	-4.20	...
-do- Acc	193.10	205.30	-4.50	...
Cash	100.70	100.70	+0.10	5.57
-do- Acc	129.50	129.50	+0.10	5.57
European Gth	190.60	202.60	+1.60	0.79
-do- Acc	204.40	216.90	+1.70	0.79
General	455.50	485.90	+0.60	2.49
-do- Acc	886.50	924.30	+1.40	2.49
Global Dist	129.60	136.60	+1.10	5.34
-do- Acc	145.40	152.80	+1.20	5.34
Income	134.90	143.90†	+1.50	4.74
-do- Acc	199.00	212.30†	+2.20	4.74
International	380.90	405.90†	+0.80	0.69
-do- Acc	506.60	539.90†	+1.10	0.69
Japan	192.90	204.10	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	197.40	209.40	-0.10	...
New Europe	138.20	147.50	+1.90	1.76
-do- Acc	140.50	149.90	+1.90	1.76
Recovery	290.70	310.10†	+2.10	2.89
-do- Acc	367.50	392.00†	+2.60	2.89
European Inc	73.38	77.98	+0.50	3.13
-do- Acc	93.09	98.92	+0.61	3.13
Brit Blue Chip	70.95	75.59	+0.27	3.33
-do- Acc	83.69	89.16	+0.27	3.33
Portfolio	72.97	77.65	+0.41	2.92
-do- Acc	82.97	88.29	+0.46	2.92
Gold General	116.20	124.90	-10.00	0.75
-do- Acc	117.80	126.70	-10.10	0.75
Pacific	93.69	99.94	+2.52	0.84
-do- Acc	99.00	105.60	+2.70	0.84
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD				
Dealing: 0742 520 280				
Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	56.62	60.56	+0.18	2.92
-do- Acc	57.49	61.49	+0.18	2.92
British Dist	75.92	81.20	+0.69	2.06
-do- Acc	85.95	91.92	+0.78	2.06
European Gth	166.40	177.80†	+1.50	0.49
-do- Acc	208.90	223.30	+1.80	0.49
Extra High Inc	67.74	72.45	+0.30	6.14
-do- Acc	119.10	127.40	+0.40	6.14
FT-SE 100 Index	47.87	51.20	+0.19	2.73
-do- Acc	47.87	51.20	+0.19	2.73
Gilt Fixed Int	55.01	57.27†	+0.16	6.88
-do- Acc	146.80	152.80	+0.40	6.88
High Yield	213.50	228.30†	+0.70	4.81
-do- Acc	501.20	536.00	+1.50	4.81
Income	275.50	294.60	+1.90	3.39
-do- Acc	572.60	612.40	+3.90	3.39
Japan Gth	356.00	380.70	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	375.70	401.80	+1.50	...
Mandarin Acc	98.03	104.80	+1.70	0.70
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT				
Dealing: 071 826 0826				
Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	255.70	272.40	-5.20	...
Deposit Inc	99.92	99.92	-0.24	4.75
Deposit Acc	122.59	122.59†	+0.10	4.75
Euro Gth Acc	275.20	295.10†	+0.30	...
Europa	122.10	131.30	+0.20	...
Intl Gth	170.00	181.70†	-0.30	...
Japan Tracker	80.39	85.17†	+0.59	...
UK Equity Inc	145.20	156.40†	+0.40	4.20
-do- Acc	178.10	191.80†	+0.70	4.20
UK Ind Tracker	141.30	151.40	+0.60	3.19
US Eq Ind Trkr	186.80	198.20	-0.60	1.46
-do- Acc	197.60	209.70	-0.60	1.46
Asian Trader	161.60	174.90†	+4.70	0.46
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	161.60	165.40	-0.30	2.31
European	60.29	61.63	-0.10	1.63
Olympiad	54.54	56.02	+0.27	0.31
Global Bond	46.76	47.28	+0.39	6.69
Smaller Cos	66.74	69.75†	+0.46	0.91
Equity Income	89.69	92.21†	-0.31	5.24
UK Growth	81.38	85.80	+0.38	2.09
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222				
Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	45.16	48.17	-0.34	1.02
Australian Acc	285.40	305.20	+0.20	...
Conscience	61.77	65.92†	-1.28	1.08
-do- Acc	66.66	71.14	-1.38	1.08
European	164.70	175.60	+1.20	1.30
-do- Acc	177.30	189.10	+1.30	1.30
Extra Income	71.25	76.03	+0.50	5.84
-do- Acc	108.60	115.80	+0.80	5.84
Far East Gth	167.50	179	+1.20	0.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.76	61.14	+0.32	6.35
Gold	41.87	45.02	-2.82	...
-do- Acc	45.30	48.49	-3.08	...
Income	50.65	54.02†	+0.37	5.20
-do- Acc	155	165.30	+1.10	5.20
International	29.35	31.49	-0.02	1.05
-do- Acc	42.18	45.25	-0.01	1.05
Jap Sm Cos Acc	354.40	378	-3.40	...
S pore Mly Acc	188.10	201.70	+6.00	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.91	26.78†	+0.01	2.05
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	67.00	71.31	+0.47	2.76
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	73.83	78.13	+0.80	6.64
N&P Higher Inc	194.10	206.50	+1.00	4.51
N&P UK Income	98.60	104.90†	+0.47	3.92

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N&P Intl	85.82	91.30†	+0.47	1.59
N&P Smaller Cos	76.73	81.63	+0.56	1.46
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS				
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	161.44	171.75	+1.43	2.33
Global	282.16	300.18	+4.34	1.14
Growth	106.54	113.35	+0.69	2.55
Income	198.07	210.72	+2.37	4.40
Intl Bond	124.80	132.62	-1.56	6.40
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 508, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	135.00	142.00†	+0.40	2.60
-do- Acc	239.20	251.70	+0.80	2.60
Income	214.80	228.50	+0.90	3.61
Intl Equity	221.50	235.90	+0.80	0.88
-do- Acc	242.40	257.90	+1.00	0.88
Equity	211.60	225.00†	+0.30	2.49
-do- Acc	434.30	461.90	+0.60	2.49
UK Intl 25 Acc	68.26	72.61	+0.15	1.98
UK Income	59.57	63.36	+0.22	3.10
UK Smllr Co Acc	73.84	78.55	+0.45	1.43
New Europe Acc	60.45	64.31	+0.82	1.37
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	95.34	101.97	+3.64	0.20
PEP Gth Inc	100.40	107.39	+0.70	1.22
Intl Gth	486.31	520.12	+1.86	0.63
Income	296.99	317.64	+5.49	3.46
W wide Recov	309.50	331.02	+0.61	0.27
American Gth	199.02	212.86	-5.64	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	185.25	198.13	+0.70	0.08
Far East Gth	220.34	235.66	-0.60	0.07
European Gth	110.98	118.70	+0.12	1.28
UK Growth	75.47	80.72	+1.02	3.00
High Income	82.50	88.24	+1.02	4.52
Japanese Gth	227.37	241.72	+0.30	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	173.80	184.90	+3.30	0.85
High Income	107.10	113.90	+1.80	3.75
Conv Gilt	108.50	115.50†	+1.30	6.20
Far East	317.60	337.80	+14.20	0.27
Global Inc Acc	31.06	33.05	+0.71	3.16
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	49.66	52.85	-0.21	0.21
Emerging Mkts	62.87	66.88	+1.79	0.57
General	46.38	49.34†	+0.22	3.25
International	82.66	87.94	-0.80	1.37
Gilt Units	25.11	25.89†	+0.14	7.44
Global PEP	34.59	36.80	+0.03	2.11
Income Gth	64.03	68.12†	-0.42	4.81
European	41.60	44.26	+0.14	0.68
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.11	26.71†	-0.07	5.85
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490				
Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314				
Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst	31.08	33.20	+0.03	1.78
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.18	101.18†	+0.08	5.20
-do- Acc	105.30	105.30†	+0.08	5.20
Pru Equity	644.84	689.66	-3.11	2.51
Pru Equity Inc	76.43	81.74†	-0.46	4.70
Pru European	169.28	181.04†	+0.13	1.43
Pru Global Gth	78.58	84.04	+0.16	1.28
Pru High Inc	81.78	87.46†	-1.87	5.04
Pru Intl	160.64	171.80	+0.10	0.99
Pru Intl Sm Co	68.96	73.75	-0.11	0.64
Pru Japanese	207.92	222.37	-0.51	...
Pru Nth Amer	136.86	146.37†	-2.32	0.85
Pru Pacific Mkt	76.54	81.86	+1.13	1.49
Pru Premr Inc	48.75	50.77	+0.24	7.54
Pru Smllr Cos	81.85	87.48†	+0.47	1.97
Pru Spec Sits	96.87	103.60	+0.39	2.33
Pru UK Growth	108.07	115.58	+0.61	2.34
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR				
Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	149.13	160.81†	-0.25	3.65
NC Japan	285.93	306.38	-0.09	...
NC Maj UK Cos	90.18	96.98†	+0.14	2.55
NC America Inc	464.91	498.52	-4.53	0.76
-do- Acc	539.99	579.03	-5.26	0.76
NC Smlr UK Cos	265.88	289.69	+1.64	1.51
NC European	248.51	265.35	-0.67	1.41
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	70.67	75.18†	+0.33	3.75
Capital Units	142.50	151.50†	+0.60	1.30
Commodity	101.20	107.60	-4.80	1.21
European Gth	151.60	161.20	+1.40	1.32
Financial Sec	168.70	179.40†	+1.40	1.88
High Return	211.60	225.30	+1.10	4.48
High Yield	200.40	213.10	-0.50	4.10
Income Units	107.50	114.30	+1.20	3.01
Investment	174.60	185.70	+3.10	1.12
Japan Gth	161.80	172.10	+0.70	...
Japan Smaller	195.60	208.00†	-2.00	...
Masterfund	46.36	49.31†	+0.49	1.29
Scotbits	246.60	262.30	+1.50	1.57
Scotshares	255.50	271.80†	+2.20	2.27
Scotyields	219.40	233.30	+1.40	3.97
Select Intl	128.00	136.10	-0.10	0.41
Smaller Cos	228.00	242.50	+0.70	3.97
Special Situation	109.50	116.40†	-0.10	0.83
UK Equity	221.20	235.30	+0.70	2.70
US Growth	134.90	143.50	-0.60	0.39
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client Line: 0800 526 535. Broker Line: 0800 526 540				
American	229.14	244.35†	-3.65	0.51
-do- Acc	249.23	264.71	-3.95	0.51
Australian	122.17	130.31	-3.06	0.92
-do- Acc	143.63	153.20	-3.59	0.92
UK Enterprise	208.75	223.73	+2.90	2.37
-do- Acc	242.30	259.46	+3.36	2.37
European Gth	60.34	64.07†	+1.07	1.51
-do- Acc	62.57	66.53	+1.11	1.51
Euro Smllr Cos	35.30	38.08†	+0.22	0.43
-do- Acc	35.68	38.36	+0.22	0.43
Far Eastern Gth	73.12	77.99	+1.09	...
-do- Acc	74.30	79.25	+1.11	...
Fixed Interest	52.63	55.50	+0.23	6.96
-do- Acc	63.92	67.39	+0.27	6.96
Gilt Income	102.01	107.50	+0.66	7.65
-do- Acc	142.47	150.14	+0.92	7.65
Income	311.36	332.11	+2.90	3.92
-do- Acc	918.43	979.62	+8.55	3.92
Japan Enterprise	71.27	76.02	-0.58	...
-do- Acc	71.27	76.02	-0.58	...
Japan Smllr Cos	498.71	531.95	-0.76	...
-do- Acc	499.71	533.01	-0.77	...
Pacific Gth	95.55	101.91	+3.17	0.07
-do- Acc	98.38	104.94	+3.27	0.07
Smaller Cos	187.96	200.49†	+1.05	0.89
-do- Acc	217.20	231.67	+1.21	0.89
Tokyo	111.72	119.16	...	...
-do- Acc	112.85	120.37	+0.01	...
UK Equity	207.60	221.43	+2.40	2.66
-do- Acc	384.44	410.07	+4.44	2.66
US Smllr Cos	130.38	139.07†	-2.68	...
-do- Acc	130.38	139.07	-2.68	...
World Fd	70.05	74.71	+0.59	1.46
-do- Acc	73.85	78.77	+0.62	1.46
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	46.54	49.54	+0.60	3.50
Equity Strategy	63.98	68.14	+0.31	1.13
European Opps	70.69	75.29	+0.44	3.22

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Maximum Inc	99.15	101.71	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Smaller Cos	52.52	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Worldwide	79.02	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Sm Cos Eqty	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
North American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income Plus Inc	64.41	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Spec Sits	66.00	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Growth Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Market Ldrs Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	197.54		+1.97	
Global Bond	195.90		[illegible]	2.90
Japan Samurai	[illegible]		[illegible]	...
UK Growth	106.22		0.25	[illegible]
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	43.98	46.73	[illegible]	1.60
Equity Gth Acc	59.69	63.43	+0.52	1.51
UK Eq General	41.43	44.02	+0.22	2.28
-do- Acc	54.77	58.20	+0.29	2.28
European Acc	41.08	43.65	+0.42	1.28
Far East Acc	56.67	60.22	-0.65	0.10
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.01	31.74	+0.25	6.66
N American Acc	42.22	44.86	-0.19	0.78
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	279.90	303.70	-1.20	1.45
UK Eq High Inc	34.93	37.12	+0.42	3.85
-do- Acc	41.48	44.08	+0.49	3.85
UK Lgr Cos Inc	285.50	309.80	+1.30	3.81
UK Lgr Cos Acc	371.70	403.30	+1.90	3.81
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$3.69	NZ$3.92	+0.02	1.20
US Eq	$2.064	$2.181	-0.06	0.80
Far East Eq	Y246.5	Y261.8	+0.60	
Japan Eq	Y250.3	Y265.9	+0.50	
FT Europe	111.70	116.60	-1.00	2.10
FT North Am	$1.704	$1.806	-0.03	1.09
FT Japan	Y248.2	Y260.5	+1.80	
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.925	$2.044	-0.02	1.69
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	327.30	348.50	-3.80	0.37
British	925.50	979.20	+7.20	4.20
European	387.60	412.50	-0.60	1.41
Japan	150.90	160.30	+0.70	...
New Pacific	291.30	310.20†	+3.50	1.30
Mngd Cash	96.04	96.04	+0.05	5.00
Majority Stlg	100.23	101.24	+0.07	4.76
Inv Tst	187.00	199.30	+2.50	1.80
Saints PPP	360.80	379.80	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE				
Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	713.50	763.10	+4.10	1.20
N America Acc	111.90	119.70	-0.20	0.18
Far East Acc	124.30	132.90	+2.70	...
W wide Bond	60.15	63.85	+0.40	5.49
European	81.66	87.34	-0.10	0.75
Equity Income	79.47	84.99†	+0.41	4.42
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basing View, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	33.33	35.65	-0.21	0.73
Managed Assets	117.20	125.42	+0.11	3.37
UK Income	35.75	38.24†	+0.17	3.01
UK Growth	35.83	38.33	+0.06	2.41
Worldwide Gth	30.90	33.05†	+0.10	0.38
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	198.55	211.22	-0.80	0.14
-do- Acc	218.07	231.99	-0.88	0.14
British Gth	84.36	89.74	+1.25	1.93
-do- Acc	99.25	105.58	+1.46	1.93
European	91.96	97.83	-2.20	1.14
-do- Acc	97.00	103.19	-2.32	1.14
Extra Inc	183.46	195.17	+2.80	4.00
-do- Acc	292.66	311.34	+4.46	4.00
General Unit	283.20	278.94	+5.00	2.46
-do- Acc	517.38	550.40	+0.93	2.46
Income	313.75	333.78†	+2.10	3.65
-do- Acc	653.00	693.62†	+4.36	3.65
International	479.58	510.19†	+2.12	0.46
-do- Acc	637.82	667.89†	+2.77	0.46
Pacific	341.52	363.32†	+0.57	...
-do- Acc	358.75	381.65†	+1.75	...
Premier Income	50.24	53.33	+0.20	6.64
-do- Acc	104.74	109.10	+0.43	6.64
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
European Opps	59.85	63.74	+0.10	0.46
-do- Acc	60.47	64.40	+0.30	0.46
Far East Opps	154.65	164.96	+1.55	...
-do- Acc	158.25	168.80	+1.59	...
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	16.09	17.11	-1.15	0.50
Pacific Basin	31.19	33.18	+0.24	0.60
Canadian Gth	36.63	38.96	+1.27	...
Global Bond	30.955	30.994	0.00	7.30
Penny Share	25.54	27.17	+0.58	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.83	52.83	+0.03	5.40
Gilt Growth	66.03	68.71	+0.37	...
Gilt Income	51.81	53.92	+0.18	7.75
Short Dtd Gilt	106.70	108.10	+0.10	...
US Govmnt Bd	30.713	30.723	0.00	...
Challenger	90.81	92.92	+1.20	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	67.40	71.07	-0.01	2.04

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	5,000	Carlton C	309	Legal & Gn	371	Scot & New	919
Abbey Natl	579	Coats Vyla	2,000	Lloyds Bk	5,000	Scot Power	4,900
Alld-Lyons	537	Cm Union	689	MB Cardn	830	Sears	2,600
Anglian W	941	Courtaulds	694	Marks Spr	3,400	Svrn Trent	1,900
Argyll Gp	581	De La Rue	361	NFC	758	Shell Trans	5,700
Arjo Wig	894	Enterpr Oil	1,400	NatWst Bk	2,200	Siebe	603
AB Foods	115	Fisons	1,800	Nat Power	2,400	SmKl Bch	2,400
BAA	1,800	Forte	8,200	Nth Wst W	1,800	Smith Nph	691
BAT Inds	2,500	GRE	157	Nthrn Fds	3,000	Sthern Elec	474
BOC	513	GUS A	445	P & O	1,600	Std Chartd	289
BP	7,300	Gen Acc	870	Pearson	1,800	Sun Allnce	793
BT	10,000	Gen Elec	6,900	PowerGen	315	TI Gp	1,000
BTR	4,400	Glaxo	3,900	Prudential	2,800	TSB	1,200
Bk of Scot	1,100	Granada	4,900	RTZ	1,700	Tate & Lyle	2,000
Barclays	5,500	Grand Met	1,700	Rank Org	876	Tesco	2,200
Bass	1,100	Guinness	2,800	Reckitt Col	410	Thames W	1,100
Blue Circle	567	HSBC	1,800	Redland	265	Thrn EMI	490
Boots	2,000	Hanson	14,000	Reed Intl	1,700	Tomkins	2,700
Bowater	1,700	ICI	2,000	Rentokil	578	Unilever	869
Brit Airwys	2,600	Inchcape	1,000	Reuters	162	Utd Bisc	4,000
Brit Gas	4,000	Kingfisher	664	Rothmans	716	Vodafone	3,000
Brit Steel	7,600	Kwik Save	81	Ryl Ins	1,700	Wellcome	1,600
Burmah C	19	LASMO	1,700	Ryl Bk Scot	5,700	Whitbd 'A'	1,100
Cable Wire	718	Ladbroke	2,000	Sainsbury	2,300	Wlims Hld	2,900
Cadbury	2,200	Land Secs	1,900	Scot Hydro	1,400	Zeneca	4,700

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3502.79 (+11.07)
S&P Composite 446.45 (+1.07)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 20500.95 (+7.63)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 7266.74 (+6.16)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 107.1 (-0.2)

Sydney: AO 1714.3 (+1.9)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1680.98 (+7.91)

FT 30 share: 2244.2 (+5.5)

Brussels:
General 6161.29 (+11.14)

Paris: CAC 521.91 (-2.40)

Zurich: SKA Gen 518.6 (+1.3)

London:
FT A All-Share 1414.77 (+0.13)
FT 500 1533.99 (+0.06)
FT Gold Mines 179.6 (+3.0)
FT Fixed Interest 111.85 (+0.04)
FT Govt Secs 95.37 (+0.01)
Bargains 25481
SEAQ Volume 528.8m
USM (Datastrm) 138.58 (-0.42)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
June 1	June 11	September 2	September 13

Call options were taken out on 11/6/93: ACT Group, Carlisle Group, Costain Group, Cliff Resources, Ferranti International, Henlys, Nat West Bank, Ramco Oil Serv.

Puts: ACT Group, Willis Corroon Group.

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon..	500	39½	54½	62	6½	15	22
(*530)	550	11½	27	36	31	38½	46½
Argyll..	330	17	27	33	10½	18	24
(*342½)	360	5	14	21	31	36	41
ASDA..	67	7½	10½	-	2½	5½	-
(*71)	76	3½	5½	-	7	11	-
Boots..	420	28	41½	48½	5	16	23½
(*436½)	460	8	22	29	30½	37½	44½
Br Airways	287	17½	29	34	9½	16	21½
(*292)	316	5	15½	20½	25	32½	38
BP..	300	23	30½	35½	5	13	16
(*314½)	330	7½	16½	21	20	27½	31
Br Steel..	100	8	11	16	5	9	11
(*103)	110	3½	7½	12	12	15	17
C & W..	700	52	66	79½	11	23	31½
(*745)	750	19	38½	52	34½	46½	56
CU..	550	26	37	-	16	33	-
(*585½)	600	8½	18	-	43	63	-
ICI..	661	28½	42	58	20	37½	46
(*689)	750	5½	15½	29	69	85	90
Kingfshr..	594	25	40	-	17	31	-
(*589½)	632	7	20	-	49	59	-
Land Sec..	550	41	53	59	5	12	17
(*581½)	600	10	24	31	26	34	41
M & S..	330	18	29	35	7	13	16
(*340)	360	5½	14	20	24	28	32
Nat West..	460	25	35	47½	12	26	30
(*460)	500	8	18	29	39½	52½	57½
Sainsbury..	460	35	49	57	7	15	22
(*484½)	500	14	27	36	25	34	41
Shell..	600	34	44	53	7	19	24½
(*619½)	650	8	18	29	33	46	50½
Smkl Bch..	420	27	40	51	14½	26	33½
(*429½)	460	9	24	33½	36	48½	55
Storehse..	200	15	22	27	7½	13	17
(*209½)	220	6	13	18	19	24	29
Trafalgar..	101	9	14½	-	4½	7½	-
(*106)	110	5	9½	13	9	12½	15
Unilever..	1000	51½	78	93	12½	24	33
(*1030½)	1050	22	47½	63	35	47½	58
Zeneca..	600	36	51	67	15	37½	46
(*615½)	650	14	29½	45½	44	68	74½
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Feb**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Feb**
Grnd Met.	390	31	39	49	8	15	25½
(*411½)	420	13½	23½	34	23	30	40½
Ladbroke..	160	14	23½	28	7½	16½	21½
(*185)	200	6½	14	19	19	26½	33
Utd Bisc..	360	43	53½	60½	6½	15½	21
(*387½)	390	24	36½	44½	17½	29½	34½

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Jan
BAA..	700	41	60	65½	13	22	28
(*733½)	750	14½	34	39	38½	47	53
Thames W	460	21	32	35½	12½	22	24½
(*464½)	500	5½	14	17½	39	46	48
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
BAT Ind..	425	21½	29½	38½	16½	29½	33
(*429)	450	10½	19	28	32	46½	49½
BTR..	600	29	41½	51½	13	22	29½
(*611½)	650	7	18½	27½	44	53½	57½
Br Aero..	420	29	49	60	36	53	56
(*409)	460	12	33½	45	60	78	80
Br Telcm..	390	33	36½	39½	6	14½	20½
(*413)	420	15½	20½	24½	18½	29½	36
Cadbury..	420	48½	58	67	4½	12	16
(*458½)	460	21	33	43½	18	28	32½
Guinness..	460	39½	53	63½	9½	19½	25
(*483½)	500	15	31	43	29	39	45
GEC..	330	10½	23½	28	12	17	20½
(*337½)	360	4	10½	15	33	36	38
Hanson..	220	14½	19½	22½	5½	10	13½
(*227)	240	5	10½	13½	15	21	24½
LASMO..	160	11	20½	26	10	17½	21
(*160½)	180	6	13	19	23½	30	33
Lucas..	130	16	21	24	6	12½	15
(*136½)	140	9	15½	18	11	18½	21
Pilkingtn.	120	12	18	18½	5	8½	13
(*127½)	130	6½	12	13½	9½	13	15½
Prudential.	300	24½	31½	36½	5½	12	15
(*317)	330	8	15½	22	20½	28	30½
Redland..	460	33½	48	55½	13½	28	35
(*475½)	500	14	29	37	36	52	57
Royal Ins..	369	25½	34½	41	6	13	16
(*285)	288	14	23½	31	14½	22	25
Tesco..	220	12	18	24	11	17	20
(*218)	240	5	10	16	24	29	32
Vodafone..	420	30	45½	53	13	23½	28
(*437)	460	11½	26	34	37	45½	49½
Williams..	300	16	23½	29½	12	20	24
(*301)	330	5	11½	17	32½	40½	43½

FT-SE INDEX (*2861)

	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls						
Jun	120	70	28	6	1	½
Jul	135	93	58	32	15	6½
Aug	152	115	82	56	35	20
Sep	168	133	101	75	53	35
Dec	-	190	-	123	-	80
Puts						
Jun	1	3	12	42	92	142
Jul	10	19	35	62	97	142
Aug	22	34	54	79	111	148
Sep	34	48	68	91	121	156
Dec	-	[illegible]	-	122	-	180

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat..	390	27	36½	47½	1	10	16
(*414½)	420	4½	19	29	9	24½	30
Amstrad..	35	1½	4½	6½	1½	4½	5½
(*35)	40	1	2½	5	6	7½	8½
Barclays..	460	11	29	40	4	24	31
(*466½)	500	1	12	24	37	49	55
Blue Circ..	240	20	29	35	1	8	15
(*258½)	260	4	18	24½	6	17	25
Br Gas..	280	15	24½	29	1	6½	12½
(*292½)	300	1½	12½	18	8½	15½	23
	330	1	3½	7½	38	38½	43½
Dixons..	200	16	23	32	2	12	17
(*213½)	220	3	15	22	10	23	28
Forte..	200	15	25½	30½	1	8	14
(*213)	220	1½	14	20½	8½	17½	24½
Glaxo..	550	56½	80	88	1	16	31
(*598)	600	12½	50	61	9	36	58
	650	1½	28½	41	49½	66½	89
HSBC..	600	48	73	89½	1½	19	31½
(*643½)	650	7	44	62½	14½	41½	55
Hillsdwn..	140	8½	17	22	1½	7½	13
(*147)	160	½	7½	11	15	19½	24½
Lonrho..	110	6	13½	18	2	9½	13
(*113½)	120	1½	9	14	8	16	19
Reuter..	1350	18	79	123	12½	64	86
(*1356½)	1400	3	56	98	48½	92	112
R-Royce..	140	12	20½	24½	½	6	12
(*152½)	160	1½	10	15	10	16	22½
Sears..	90	9	12	14	1	3½	4½
(*98½)	100	1½	6	9	3½	7	9
Tarmac..	130	9½	17½	21½	1½	7	12½
(*138)	140	3	12	16	4½	12	17½
Thrn Emi..	850	34	54½	67	1½	31½	38½
(*880½)	900	4	25	43	23	60½	67
Tomkins..	220	19	25	30½	1	7	11
(*237)	240	3	12½	20	5½	16½	20½
TSB..	180	12	18	24	1½	8	10
(*191)	200	1½	8	14	11	19	23
Wellcome..	700	27	65	86	5	32	60
(*717½)	750	3½	39½	60	33	60½	83
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Dec**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Dec**
Fisons..	140	20½	27	28½	4½	11½	13
(*155)	160	8	16	19	14½	19	25½
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Eastrn Elc.	460	16	24½	31½	23½	30½	36
(*459½)	500	3	13	17	55½	59	62
Series		**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**
Natl Pwr..	360	7	23½	33½	3½	15	20
(*364)	390	1	10½	20	28	32½	36
Scot Pwr..	310	9	17	22	1½	13	17
(*316)	330	1	7	13	15	26	29

June 11, 1993 Tot: 26262 Call: 15045 Put: 11217 FT-SE Call: 3105 Put: 3464

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2854.0	2873.0	2852.0	2866.0	8766
Previous open interest: 51162	Sep 93	2875.0	2893.5	2874.5	2886.5	2530
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	94.04	94.04	94.02	94.03	3241
Previous open interest: 338144	Sep 93	94.15	94.20	94.12	94.15	20586
	Dec 93	94.22	94.24	94.19	94.21	5081
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 93	96.61	96.66	96.60	96.67	520
Previous open interest: 19528	Sep 93	96.35	96.44	96.32	96.42	1295
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.48	92.48	92.41	92.44	15221
Previous open interest: 618949	Sep 93	93.25	93.27	93.17	93.24	55181
Long Gilt	Jun 93	105-13	105-23	105-13	105-17	222
Previous open interest: 65043	Sep 93	104-16	104-24	104-12	104-19	32733
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	107.94	108.09	107.87	108.08	3010
	Dec 93				107.26	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 93	94.77	94.84	94.61	94.77	51916
Previous open interest: 160732	Dec 93	94.93	94.93	94.93	94.90	50
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 93	99.14	99.15	98.90	99.04	2898
Previous open interest: 16172	Dec 93				99.25	0
Three month ECU	Jun 93	92.39	92.42	92.39	92.42	279
Previous open interest: 27242	Sep 93	93.18	93.21	93.17	93.18	1207
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	94.91	94.91	94.88	94.89	3628
Previous open interest: 43623	Sep 93	95.32	95.35	95.29	95.33	5582
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 93	100.00	100.68	99.86	100.24	11934
Previous open interest: 43829	Dec 93				100.07	0

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Sugar is unlikely to react much to the news that Russia is planning to restrict alchohol sales and production. A few years ago a similar measure was introduced to curb alchoholism and conserve sugar, causing prices to fall, but the opposite happened as home brewing bacame widespread. This time however, the prime motive is a high budget deficit rather than any humanitarian goal.

LONDON FOX
COCOA

Jul	669-668	Sep	766-764
Sep	680 BID	Dec	789-785
Dec	700-699	Mar	808-805
Mar	721-720	May	827-821
May	736 SLR		
Jul	750 SLR	Volume:	3299

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	892-890	Mar	922-915
Sep	904-903	May	932-925
Nov	912-911	Jul	950-940
Jan	912-911	Volume:	1302

RAW SUGAR (FOB)
C Czarnikow

Spot: unq		Dec	unq
May	unq	Mar	-
Aug	-	May	-
Oct	-	Aug	-
		Volume:	0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)
Reuters

Spot: 285.5		Mar	288.0-86.5
		May	292.5-90.1
Aug	287.5-86.5	Aug	298.5-95.6
Oct	284.0-83.5	Oct	292.5-86.6
Dec	284.8-83.5	Volume:	732

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 11

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	85.55	111.65	143.20
(+/-)	-3.34	-14.30	+0.23
Eng/Wales:	85.55	111.43	142.35
(+/-)	-3.34	-14.20	-1.52
(%)	-13.0	-25.9	-9.3
Scotland:	n/a	113.65	146.58
(+/-)	n/a	-17.21	+6.68
(%)	n/a	+20.5	-22.6

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (Avg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jun	unq	unq	Aug	102.0	102.0
Jul	unq	unq	Volume: [illegible]		

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)
Jun 134.00
Sep 106.80
Nov 108.90
Jan 111.60
Mar 114.00
Volume: 301

BARLEY (close £/t)
Sep 104.95
Nov 107.90
Jan 110.20
Mar 112.15
May 113.55
Volume: 24

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Jun 149.00
Aug 145.00
Oct 145.50
Dec 148.30
Feb 150.00
Volume: 175

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq.	50.0
Apr	94.5	95.2
May	101.0	101.8
Volume: 36		

RUBBER
No 1 RSS CIF (p/kt)
Jul 58.75-59.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): With Kuwait not adhering to any Opec agreed ceiling, levels collapsed.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.60	-0.55
Brent 15 day (Jun)	17.60	-0.55
Brent 15 day (Jul)	17.65	-0.60
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	19.00	-0.65
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.30	-0.60

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	202 (-2)	204 (-2)
Gasoil EEC	163 (-4)	164 (-4)
Non EEC 1H Jun	164 (-4)	165 (-5)
Non EEC 1H Jul	165 (-4)	166 (-4)
3.5 Fuel Oil	58 (-1)	60 (-1)
Naphtha	174 (-4)	176 (-4)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Jul	164.50 BID	Oct	172.00-72.25
Aug	166.25-66.50	Nov	174.25-74.50
Sep	168.50-68.75	Dec	176.50 SLR
		Vol:	14897

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	17.66-17.67	Oct	18.18-18.21
Aug	17.88-17.89	Nov	18.28-18.34
Sep	18.06 SLR	Vol:	46437

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jun	n/a	Sep	n/a
Jul	187.00-89.00	Oct	n/a
Aug	n/a	Vol:	112

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 93	1482	1475	1480
Jul 93	1360	1345	1358
Aug 93	1350	1340	1352
Oct 93	1438	1430	1432

Vol: 335 lots. Open Int'st: 3286 Index 1563 -10

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1201.0-1201.5	1211.0-1211.5	1793525
Lead (£/tonne)	259.75-260.25	269.75-270.00	84475
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	915.00-915.50	933.00-933.50	191800
Tin ($/tonne)	5175.0-5180.0	5235.0-5240.0	8705
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1153.5-1154.0	1178.0-1178.5	836925
Nickel ($/tonne)	5560.0-5565.0	5629.0-5630.0	30366

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 79.3 (day's range 79.3-79.8).

[illegible] FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for June 11	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7813-2.7951	2.7813-2.7847	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Brussels	50.73-51.20	50.87-50.92	3-7ds	12-18ds
Copenhagen	9.4280-9.5230	9.4570-9.4800	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Dublin	1.0126-1.0214	1.0126-1.0147	6-11ds	22-32ds
Frankfurt	2.4742-2.4938	2.4757-2.4789	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Lisbon	234.61-236.85	234.95-235.42	137-148ds	410-438ds
Madrid	189.28-191.44	189.50-189.94	88-99ds	247-273ds
Milan	2260.00-2273.70	2260.00-2266.20	7-9ds	24-27ds
Montreal	1.9507-1.9594	1.9507-1.9528	0.31-0.13pr	0.51-0.24pr
New York	1.5240-1.5290	1.5240-1.5250	0.36-0.34pr	1.00-0.96pr
Oslo	10.4390-10.5400	10.4620-10.4850	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Paris	8.3240-8.3790	8.3240-8.3380	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Stockholm	10.9300-11.0450	10.9680-10.9920	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Tokyo	161.81-162.69	161.84-162.11	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Vienna	17.35-17.53	17.40-17.44	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Zurich	2.2090-2.2332	2.2090-2.2121	[illegible]pr-par	[illegible]pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

[illegible] SPOT RATES

Argentina peso*	1.5244-1.5270
Australia dollar	2.2476-2.2500
Bahrain dinar	0.5695-0.5815
Brazil cruzeiro*	70580.9-70682.1
Cyprus pound	0.7315-0.7475
Finland marka	8.3095-8.4255
Greece drachma	335.25-342.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.8118-11.8210
India rupee	47.52-48.48
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4545-0.4645
Malaysia ringgit	3.9313-3.9385
Mexico peso	4.72-4.73
New Zealand dollar	2.8150-2.8205
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6595-5.7855
Singapore dollar	2.4603-2.4634
S Africa rand (fin)	7.0119-7.1235
S Africa rand (com)	4.8618-4.8697
U A E dirham	5.543-5.667

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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4712-1.4723
Austria	11.40-11.41
Belgium (Com)	33.32-33.35
Canada	1.2794-1.2799
Denmark	6.1965-6.1995
France	5.4580-5.4600
Germany	1.6220-1.6225
Hong Kong	7.7277-7.7287
Ireland	1.5034-1.5044
Italy	1478.75-1479.75
Japan	106.17-106.22
Malaysia	2.5720-2.5750
Netherlands	1.8200-1.8210
Norway	6.8595-6.8645
Portugal	154.02-154.22
Singapore	1.6096-1.6106
Spain	124.20-124.35
Sweden	7.1840-7.1940
Switzerland	1.4500-1.4510

[illegible] RATES

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6[illegible]
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 Low 5[illegible] Week fixed: 5[illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth 5[illegible]. Sell: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth: 5[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6-5[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6-5[illegible]

Overnight: open 5[illegible], close 6.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5[illegible]	n/a	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.15-3.12	n/a	3.24-3.21	3.42-3.39	3.81-3.78
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

TREASURY BILLS: Applicts: £449m allotted: £100m: Bids: £98.71% received: 99%: Last week: £98.70% received: 90%; Avge rate: £5.1658% last wk £5.2123%: Next week: £100m.

[illegible] DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]-5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8-7
Yen:	3[illegible]-3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible] (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $370.25-370.75 Close: $370.70-371.10 High: $371.10-371.60 Low: $368.90-369.40 Krugerrand: $370.00-372.00 (£241.50-243.50)

Sovereigns: Old $88.00-91.00 (£55.75-57.75) New $88.00-91.00 (£55.75-57.75)

Platinum: $386.75 (£252.95) Silver: $4.34 (£2.84) Palladium: $127.00 (£83.05)

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Hill avoids profusion of confusion

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN MONTREAL

DODGING daring groundhogs scurrying across the track and maintaining rhythm and concentration amid a puzzling profusion of practice-stopping red flags, Alain Prost and Damon Hill dominated the early preparation yesterday for the Canadian grand prix tomorrow.

The Williams drivers finished comfortably ahead of Jean Alesi, of Ferrari, in a morning session run on a drying track whose linear character so flatters the power advantage afforded by the Renault engines that Prost beat Ayrton Senna's pole position time of last year on only his twentieth lap of practice.

As the Montreal skyline glowered under darkening skies on the other side of the St Lawrence river, Senna, bidding to gain a win for McLaren that would equal Ferrari's constructors' record of 103 race victories, provided a spark of controversy to brighten the practice period. When the McLaren-Ford developed engine trouble on his fourth lap and slowed to a halt in an apparently innocuous position on a grass verge, officials stopped the session for 17 minutes to allow car and driver to be taken back to the pits. Senna rejoined the session 50 minutes later.

It is customary to interrupt the session only if a car has ground to a halt in a dangerous position and the delay prompted a protest from Frank Williams, Flavio Briatore, of Benetton, and Harvey Postlethwaite, of Ferrari.

Williams said: "The officials said it was in a dangerous place but we did not agree. There was a lot of shouting going on and it was quite unpleasant. The official starter said it was his decision and his alone, but they should not have stopped the practice to get the car off."

Prost and Hill rose above the confusion to set a series of fastest laps towards the end of their allotted quota of 23 circuits of this track, set amid pine trees and man-made lakes on the Ile Notre Dame, and dismissed the threat of the rejuvenated Ferrari and Benetton teams.

LEADING PRACTICE TIMES: 1, A Prost (Fr, Williams-Renault), 1:19.747; 2, D Hill (GB, Williams-Renault), 1:20.349; 3, J Alesi (Fr, Ferrari), 1:21.809; 4, M Schumacher (Ger, Benetton Ford), 1:21.862; 5, R Patrese (It, Benetton Ford), 1:22.018; 6, A Senna (Br, Marlboro Mclaren Ford), 1:22.221; 7, K Wendlinger (Austria, Sauber), 1:22.744; 8, M Brundle (GB, Ligier Renault Eff), 1:22.861; 9, C Fittipaldi (Brazil, Minardi Ford), 1:23.372; 10, M Andretti (US, Marlboro McLaren Ford), 1:23.555. LEADING CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS: Drivers: 1, A Senna (Br), 42pts; 2, A Prost (Fr), 37; 3, D Hill (GB), 18; 4, M Schumacher (Ger), 14; 5 equal, M Blundell (GB) and J Herbert (GB), 6; 7 equal, J J Lehto (Fin), R Patrese (Br), M Brundle (GB) and C Fittipaldi (Br), 6. Constructors: 1, Williams-Renault, 55pts; 2, McLaren Ford, 44; 3, Benetton Ford, 19; 4, Ligier Renault, 11; 5 equal, Lotus Ford and Minardi Ford, 7; 7, Ferrari, 6; 8, Sauber, 5; 9, Larousse Lamborghini, 2.

Today and tomorrow, however, the Williams drivers could face an increasingly strong challenge from the 24-year-old German, Michael Schumacher, who finished fourth in the session yesterday. His confident bearing, his assuredness on and off the track, belies his inexperience and cloaks the unexpected problems Benetton have encountered this year.

The Ford-powered cars driven by Schumacher and his team-mate, Riccardo Patrese, ran with traction control for the first time in Monaco three weeks ago and Schumacher feels he can begin to pressure Hill's third place in the championship.

"Getting traction control was a big step for us," he said yesterday. "Until Monaco, we were fighting like crazy, but could not make any impression on the cars in front because of the technical differences. When it was fitted, we put the car on the front row straight away. I think we can now stay ahead of McLaren.

"The beginning of the season was difficult for us because we expected to be in second place behind Williams and, when we were not, I had to put in something extra to get us back. That put me under pressure but that period is over now."

Although he has been linked with a move to Williams next season and is frequently tipped as the future world champion, Schumacher is candid about his need to gather more experience before he can mount a challenge for the title.

He said he had been impressed with Hill's composure after his shaky start in South Africa and empathised with his battle to adapt to the demands of the Formula One circuit.

"It was all a bit too much for him at that stage and I can understand that," he said. "But he will progress with every race and I just have to hope he will have a few technical problems so I can catch him.

"I think Benetton will become serious challengers for the title and I hope I can grow serious with them. I'm still in only my second year but I have a bit more of an overview now and I'm more relaxed. Even so, I'm still a comparative novice."

Speak calls victory tune

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

MARY McKenna has established some record in the British women's amateur championship — for longevity if not outright success. She has reached the semi-finals four times in as many decades. The first was back in 1969, the last the year before last.

She had a chance to reach the same stage of this championship for a fifth time at Royal Lytham and St Annes yesterday. Her opponent was Kirsty Speak, who at 21 is less than half her age. Speak, who plays her golf at Clitheroe, 25 miles from Lytham, was no respecter of age. She led at one point by six holes and eventually won 4 and 3.

Speak was on song. McKenna was not. She had not been in the morning when she was four up after ten holes against Lisa Walton and then lost three holes. And she started untidily against Speak in the afternoon quarter-final. She lost three holes in a row, the third to the fifth, to nothing better than par golf.

It was wet but not cold at Lytham and play was delayed for 1 1/2 hours because parts of the course were flooded by heavy overnight rain. Even so a tidy knot of waterproofed spectators trailed after McKenna.

McKenna missed from three feet on the 8th to go three down. Then Speak, who had hit a four-iron to within three feet of the short 9th, holed for a two to move to four up. She won the 10th with another birdie to be five up and the 11th to go six up.

This was the low point for McKenna. She avoided being beaten by 7 and 6 by holing a nine foot putt for a half on the 12th.

She birdied the 13th, used her length to eagle the long 14th, covering its 428-yards with a driver and a four wood and holing a 35-foot putt. Now she was only four down. She birdied the next hole, too, sinking a 20-foot putt.

When she had done so the pressure swung on to Speak. She was 18 feet from the hole in two. She needed to sink that putt to halve the hole, win the match 4 and 3 and maintain her record in this competition of never going further than the 15th green in four rounds of matchplay. She was, she said later, very relieved to see the ball disappear. She had reached the semi-final for the first time.

Speak will play Julie Hall in the first semi-final this morning. Hall beat Janice Moodie, a Scottish international, by 2 and 1. Hall, the champion three years ago, has looked increasingly impressive since she scraped past Myra McKinlay at the 19th in the first round.

Hall moved to one up on the 12th. She cannily played her tee shot from the right side of the tee in order to open up the green — the flag was on the left. Such expertise was rewarded when her 18-foot putt fell into the hole at the last gasp.

Moodie retaliated with a second shot that almost hit the flagstick on the next, then Hall won the 14th by chipping close. The 15th was halved, though Moodie had a chance to win it. She was past the flag with her second but missed a four-foot putt. Moodie was bunkered in two on the 16th. The 17th was halved in four.

RESULTS: Third round: J Moodie (Windyhill) bt G Simpson (Cleckheaton and district), 2 and 1; J Hall (Felixstowe Ferry) bt J Morley (Sale), 3 and 2; K Speak (Clitheroe) bt K Maurgue D'Algue (Fr), 6 and 5; M McKenna (Donabate) bt L Walton (Calcot Pk), 2 holes; K McKenna (Tynemouth) bt S Burnell (Burnham & Berrow), at 19th; S Lambert (Coombe Hill) bt F McKay (Turnberry), 6 and 5; I Tinning (Den) bt S Germain (Bigbury), 5 and 3; C Lambert (North Berwick) bt S Morgan (Coventry Hearsall), 3 and 2.Quarter-finals: Hall bt Moodie 2 and 1, Speak bt M McKenna 4 and 3

BARRY GREENWOOD



Calm beneath the storm: Kim McKenna and father, Neil, ponder her next shot

Jesus pull clear of rivals

BY A CORRESPONDENT

JESUS rode over comfortably at the top of the women's section for the first time. They steadily pulled away from the deposed head boat, Lady Margaret, who in turn more than doubled the one-and-a-half start gap by the finishing line.

Newnham moved up for the second day running when they caught Churchill at Ditton Corner while Homerton squashed Queens' going into First Post Corner.

Men

THIRD DIVISION: Peterhouse II bpd Darwin.

FOURTH DIVISION: Queens' III, bpd Sidney Sussex II; Downing III bpd Churchill III; Wolfson bpd Pembroke III; Emmanuel bpd Lady Margaret V; CCAT bpd Jesus IV; Churchill IV bpd Corpus Christi III;

FIFTH DIVISION: Robinson II, bped Selwyn III; St Catharine's III, bpd Christ's III; Hughes Hall bped Christ's IV; St Edmunds bpd Fitzwilliam III; Girton III bpd King's III.

SIXTH DIVISION: Trinity Hall IV bpd Queens' IV; Downing IV, bped Peterhouse III; Jesus VI bpd Homerton; St Catharine's V bpd Clare V; Trinity Hall V, bpd Corpus Christi IV; Sidney Sussex IV bpd CCAT II;

Women

FIRST DIVISION: Newnham bpd Churchill, Homerton bpd Queens'; Sidney Sussex bpd Clare; Pembroke bpd Vet School; Selwyn bpd Downing.

SECOND DIVISION: New Hall bpd Robinson; Homerton II overbpd Peterhouse; Addenbrookes bpd Fitwilliam.

THIRD DIVISION: Jesus III, bpd Clare II; Selwyn II bpd Girton II; St Catharine's II overbpd Queens' II; Wolfson bpd Pembroke II; CCAT bpd Lady Margaret III; Trinity Hall II bpd Darwin; Sidney Sussex II bpd Hughes Hall.

FOURTH DIVISION: Lady Margaret IV bpd Caius II; 1st/3rd Trinity II bpd Magdalene II; Corpus Christi II bpd New Hall III; Wolfson II bpd Clare III; Jesus IV bpd Robinson II; Emmanuel III bpd St Catharine's III.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Navratilova heads for Eastbourne

AFTER losing in the third round of the DFS tennis classic at Edgbaston, Martina Navratilova has altered her preparations for Wimbledon and decided to compete in the Volkswagen Cup at Eastbourne next week in order to get enough match practice before the championships. Navratilova has been included in the draw at the last minute as No 1 seed, replacing Jana Novotna. Novotna had to withdraw after a bout of flu.

The weather could be the key to Navratilova's preparations. Torrential rain halted play at Edgbaston yesterday. In the only singles match of the day, which was completed indoors, Zina Garrison beat Katrina Adams 6-3, 6-2 in the third round.

British trio of Chris Bailey, Chris Wilkinson and Ross Matheson were yesterday announced as wild cards for the Direct Line Insurance tournament in Manchester next week. Edberg beaten, page 43

England appoint Bett

BASKETBALL: Mick Bett was yesterday appointed acting coach of the England team for the 1995 European championship qualifying matches in Zalaegerszeg, Hungary, from June 21 to 27. Bett, 33, replaces Kevin Cadle, who resigned after England's failure to reach the finals of the 1993 European championship.

Last season's Carlsberg coach of the year, Bett is in charge at Thames Valley. During his playing career he won 43 caps for England and was in the side which won the 1983 Commonwealth championship. The two top nations in England's qualifying group, which contains seven teams, will progress to the semi-finals of the 1995 championships in November.

Searle brothers on trial

ROWING: Most of Britain's potential world championship team are racing at the Paris Regatta this weekend. Britain's two Olympic gold medal pairs will be making their second appearances of the season, Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent after a win at Mannheim, and the Searle brothers after defeat at Duisburg. A good performance is important for the Searles since examinations will prevent their later appearance at Lucerne. Among the absentees are the lightweight and heavyweight men's coxless fours, both of whom have examination commitments.

Woosnam slips away

GOLF: Ian Woosnam fell away after mounting what threatened to become an impressive challenge in the second round of the Honda Open in Hamburg yesterday. Woosnam, five under par overnight and just one shot off the lead, was on seven under par with six holes to play, but had to be content with a level-par 72 for a two-round aggregate of 139. He finished five shots behind Anders Gillner, of Sweden, who shot a record-equalling 64. Gillner leads John McHenry, of Ireland, and Johan Rystrom, of Sweden, both of whom had scores of 66, by one shot.

Scotland's stern test

RUGBY UNION: Scotland, unbeaten in six matches, face the hardest test of their tour of the South Pacific in Apia today against Western Samoa. The scale of Scotland's task is apparent from the record of Western Samoa in the Super 10 competition, in which they defeated Otago, the first side to beat the British Isles in New Zealand.

☐ The Welsh Rugby Union has suspended Denis Evans, the secretary, and Jonathan Price, the commercial executive, until an inquiry into statements made against them by Glanmor Griffiths, the treasurer, has been completed.

ABA grant restored

BOXING: The Amateur Boxing Association yesterday received a financial lift when the Sports Council restored a grant worth £108,000 a year. In February, the council stopped paying the grant because of concern over the financial and administrative stability of the association. But Derek Casey, the Sports Council's director of national services, said yesterday: "A six-man emergency committee has since been set up by the ABA and major changes and restructuring, which we think are absolutely essential for the future of amateur boxing, are now being made."

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit Tigers 5, Toronto Blue Jays 3; Baltimore Orioles 2, Boston Red Sox 1; New York Yankees 3, Milwaukee Brewers 1; Minnesota Twins 6, Texas Rangers 5.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Diego Padres 14, Los Angeles Dodgers 2; Florida Marlins 4, Pittsburgh Pirates 3; Cincinnati Reds 3, Atlanta Braves 1; Philadelphia Phillies 7, New York Mets 5; St Louis Cardinals 7, Montreal Expos 4.

BASKETBALL

WELLINGTON: Oceania championships: New Zealand 78, Australia 66.

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCHES: Kent 160, Cambridgeshire 97; Surrey 123, Wiltshire 112.

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STOKE MANDEVILLE: British Wheelchair Sports Federation Games: Men's paraplegic singles: Semi-finals: B Bagnall (N Ire) bt R Farnath (Eng), 21-14; K Bridgeman (Wales) bt T McCarthy (Eng), 21-10. Men's paraplegic pairs: Semi-finals: R Horwood (Eng) and D Peacock (Eng) bt H Haydock (N Ire) and B Behan (N Ire), 21-12; J Miskelly (N Ire) and B Bagnall (N Ire) bt T Seager (Eng) and M Vicary (Eng), 20-13. Women's paraplegic singles: Quarter-finals: J Guild (Eng) bt H Randell (Eng), 21-18; M Ralls (Eng) bt A Baillie (N Ire), 21-12. Semi-finals: Guild bt Ralls, 21-15; P Tyler (Eng) bt J Dean (Eng), 21-12. Women's paraplegic pairs: Semi-finals: V Allen and H Randell (Eng) bt J Dean and M Ralls (Eng), 22-3; M Wilson and A Baillie (N Ire) bt P Waller and M Hartley (Eng), 17-11.

CRICKET

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Club Cricket Conference 272-7, The Army 169-7.
OTHER MATCHES: The Parks: MCC 355-4 dec and 243-8 dec; Oxford University 320-9 dec and 20-2. Rain; abandoned as draw. Aldershot (55 overs): Army 249-3 (Greatorex 115, O'Kelly 70 not out); Middlesex II 187-9 (Nash 50 not out; O'Kelly 4-32). Army won by 62 runs.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: St Bedes 169-6 dec, Bethany 164-7; Head Masters XI 169-8 dec, King's Bruton 170-5; RGS Guildford 196-3, Wellington CGS 145-6.

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Nineteenth stage (59km time trial, Pinerolo-Sestriere): 1, M Indurain (Sp), 1hr 36min 28sec; 2, P Ugrumov (Let), at 45sec; 3, M Argentin (It), 2:17; 4, Z Jaskula (Pol), 2:48; 5, F Vanzelle (It), 3:37; 6, C Finco, (It), 3:43; 7, M Lelli (It), 3:52; 8, P Tonkov (Rus), 3:55; 9, C Chiappucci (It), 4:15; 10, R Alcig (Ger), 4:24. Overall: 1, Indurain, 89:50:20; 2, Ugrumov, 1:34; 3, Chiappucci, 5:38; 4, Lelli, 6:41; 5, Tonkov, 7:14; 6, V Pulnikov (Ukr), 9:38; 7, Argentin, 9:39; 8, M Fondriest (It), 10:43; 9, Z Jaskula (Pol), 12:54; 10, S Roche (Ire), 14:03.
TOUR OF LUXEMBOURG: First stage: 1, M Scandolt (It), 4hr 40min 38sec; 2, E Van Hooydonck (Bel), same time; 3, A Gil (It), at 3sec; 4, J Sidiby (Den), at 16; 5, M Strasser (It), 12; 6, M Paietti (It), same time.

FOOTBALL

BRAZILIAN LEAGUES: Rio de Janeiro championship: Final: First leg: Vasco da Gama 2, Fluminense 0.
WORLD CUP: Asian zone: First round: Group D: Bahrain 3, Hong Kong 0; Lebanon 2, India 1 (both matches in Seoul).
US CUP '93: Brazil 3, Germany 3 (in Washington).
PORTUGUESE CUP: Final: Benfica 5, Boavista 2 (in Lisbon).
SPANISH CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Valencia 1, Real Zaragoza 1.
TOULON INTERNATIONAL UNDER-21 TOURNAMENT, France: Group A: France 4, Bulgaria 0 (in La Ciotat); Scotland 2, Mexico 0 (Six-Fours-Les-Plages).

GOLF

BETHESDA, Maryland: LPGA championship: Leading first-round scores (US unless stated): 68: C Johnston-Forbes, P Wright (GB), P Sheehan, C Rarick, J Pitcock, N Lopez, H Kobayashi (Japan), P Johnson (GB), B Burkowsky, E Orley (Switz). 69: J Stephenson (Aus), J Lidback, T Kardyk, N Foust, J Camer, D Ammaccapane. 70: T Tombe, P Sinn, M Will, C Kaggi, R Jones, J Inkster, D Andrews, A Nicholas (GB).

HARRISON, New York: Buick Classic: First-round leaders (US unless stated): 66: D Hart. 67: B Chamblee. 68: T Kite, R Tway. 69: L Janzen, D Waldorf, B Faxon, F Funk. 70: K Green, J Delsing, J Haas, D Frost (SA), M Kuramoto (Japan). 71: I Baker-Finch (Aus), C Beck, W Levi, P Burke, J Maggert, M Dawson. 72: S Ballesteros (Sp), M Weibe, L Rinker, W Wood, M Smith, C Strange, R Freemen, R Gilder, V Singh (Fiji), F Couples, B Fabel. British score: 76: C Montgomerie.

KOBE, Japan: Women's tournament: Second-round leaders (all Japan): 138: A Fukushima, 65, 73. 139: H Tekamura, 72, 67; K Higo, 69, 70; 140: Y Irie, 74, 66; M Mural, 67, 73.

TOKYO: Men's tournament: Second-round leaders (Japan unless stated): 136: B Jones (Aus), 69, 67; T Nishikawa, 68, 70. 137: T Watanabe, 70, 67; A Omachi, 68, 69. 138: D Iehil (US), 71, 67; B Franklin (Can), 69, 69. British: 147: P Hoad, 72, 75.

HAMBURG: Honda Open: Second-round leaders (GB and Ire unless stated): 134: A Gillner (Swe), 70, 64. 135: J McHenry, 69, 66; J Rystrom (Swe), 69, 66. 136: R Chapman, 68, 68; J Spence, 70, 66; G Hjertstedt (Swe), 68, 68. 137: G Evans, 69, 68; S Torrance, 68, 69; B Langer (Ger), 69, 68; C Mason, 69, 68; A Hare, 70, 67; T Lovel (Fr), 68, 69. 138: R Raftery, 71, 67; P McGinley, 71, 67; M-A Jimenez (Sp), 69, 69; W Riley (Aus), 72, 66; J Robinson, 70, 68. 139: J Payne, 74, 65; P Broadhurst, 71, 68; K Waters, 68, 71; I Woosnam, 67, 72; E Els (SA), 68, 73; I Palmer (SA), 67, 72.

140: S Bennet, 71, 69; A Lyle, 68, 72; P Affleck, 67, 73; S Gregosseroni (It), 71, 69; J Rivero (Sp), 69, 71; G Brand Jr, 70, 70; M Hallberg (Swe), 73, 67; G Orr, 68, 72. C Cassells, 69, 71. 141: M Krantz (Swe), 74, 67; M Davis, 69, 72; A Oldcorn, 73, 68; E O'Connell, 75, 66; B Marchbank, 70, 71; M Gates, 73, 68. 142: A Binaghi (It), 72, 70; R Drummond, 75, 67; T Pernice (US), 72, 70; O Sallberg (Swe), 68, 74; J Haeggman (Swe), 71, 71; S Tinning (Den), 71, 71; M Harwood (Aus), 71, 71; M-A Martin (Sp), 73, 69; R Davis (Aus), 69, 73; R Claydon, 70, 72; R Berhorst (Ger), 73, 66; J-M Canales (Sp), 72, 70. 143: D Hospital (Sp), 70, 73; O Karlsson (Swe), 78, 65; J Robson, 73, 70; M McNulty (Zim), 72, 71; S Struver (Ger), 71, 72; P Mayo, 70, 73; D Edlund (Swe), 74, 69; S Little, 71, 72; W Westner (SA), 73, 70; P Eales, 70, 73; D Ray, 74, 69; A Sherborne, 75, 68; D Feherty, 69, 74; D Clarke, 72, 71; C Williams, 71, 72; L Tinkler (Aus), 70, 73; M McLean, 72, 71; M Lanner (Swe), 71, 72. Did not qualify: 144: J Sewell, 72, 72; J Berandt (Arg), 74, 70, S Bowman (US), 76, 68; G J Brand, 72, 72; M Mackenzie, 71, 73; D Williams, 71, 73; D R Jones, 73, 71; A Sorensen (Den), 73, 71; M Clayton (Aus), 71, 73; H Thul (Ger), 70, 74; M Roe, 74, 70, R Winchester, 72, 72; J Pamevik (Swe), 72, 72; P Fulko (Swe), 69, 75. 145: R Mackenzie (Chile), 72, 73; A Coltart, 75, 70; C Moody, 74, 71; D Cooper, 74, 71; P Curry, 73, 72; J Greseon (Den), 77, 68; M Moulland, 74, 71; J Hawksworth, 73, 72; G Ralph, 75, 70; B Malley (US), 74, 71; A Hunter, 71, 74; P Walton, 74, 71. 146: R Alvarez (Arg), 74, 72; T Gledeon (Ger), 73, 73; M Miller, 72, 74; I Gerbutt, 74, 72; M Sunesson (Swe), 72, 74; R Boxall, 70, 78, I Gerves (Sp), 75, 71; A Pinero (Sp), 74, 72; S Watson, 74, 72; D J Russell, 72, 74.

MOTORCYCLING

ISLE OF MAN: TT race: Postponed (fog).

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: Arena Essex v Bradford; Belle Vue v Poole. Second division: Middlesbrough 60, Exeter 47.

SQUASH

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian Open women's championship: Semi-finals: M Martin (Aus) bt J Martin (Eng), 4-9, 9-2, 4-9, 9-1, 9-1; S Fitzgerald (Aus) bt L Irving (Aus), 8-10, 9-3, 9-1, 9-4.

SWIMMING

SHEFFIELD: Mycll ASA national championships: Finals: Men: 50m freestyle: 1, M Fibbens (Barnet Copthall), 22.90; 2, M Foster (Barnet Copthall), 23.15, 3, A Rapley (City of Sheffield), 23.18. 400m freestyle: 1, P Palmer (City of Lincoln), 3min 55.46sec; 2, A Clayton (City of Leeds), 3:56.03; 3, S Mellor (Salaiis), 4:02.08. 200m backstroke: 1, A Ruckwood (City of Birmingham), 2:01.90 (British record); 2, G Robins (Portsmouth Northsea), 2:03.83, 3, J Fleet (Borough of Waltham Forest), 2:03.99. 200m butterfly: 1, K Crosby (Warriors of Warrington), 2:02.11; 2, J Hickman (Stockport Metro), 2:04.04, 3, D Warren (City of Leeds), 2:04.30. Women: 200m backstroke: 1, K Osher (Barnet Copthall), 2:14.88; 2, J Deakins (City of Coventry), 2:15.51; 3, H Stanley (Warrington Warriors), 2:18.56. 50m freestyles: 1, K Pickering (Ipswich), 28.40; 2, A Sheppard (Milngavie and Bearsden), 28.70; 3, S Ralph (City of Newcastle), 28.94 (English junior record). 800m freestyle: 1, S Handcastle (Borough of Southend), 8:50.91; 2, E Arter (City of Leeds), 8:58.59; 3, S Colling (Derwenside), 9:00.21. 200m butterfly: 1, M Madine (Ire), 2:17.05, 2, H Jepson (City of Leeds), 2:18.47; 3, Slator, 2:19.48

TENNIS

EDGBASTON: DFS Classic: Third round: L Golarse (It) bt E Reinach (SA), 6-3, 6-4, 7 Garrison (US) bt K Adams (US), 6-3, 6-2
FLORENCE: Men's tournament: Second round: T Muster (Austria) bt R Fromberg (Aus), 6-7, 6-1, 6-3; A Correja (Sp) bt N Kulti (Swe), 4-6, 6-4, 6-0; G Perez-Roldan (Arg) bt M Nlaowa (Ger), 6-1, 6-3; R Agenor (Haiti) bt O Jonsson (Swe), 7-6, 6-3; J Burrillo (Sp) bt J Arrese (Sp), 7-6, 6-1; E Sánchez (Sp) bt H De La Pena (Arg), 6-0, 6-2. Quarter-finals: Muster bt F De Wulf (Bel), 6-1, 6-3; Agenor bt M Gustalsson (Swe), 8-2, 6-2; Burillo bt Sánchez, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1
HARROGATE: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: S Jacobs bt L Cook, 7-5, 4-6, 6-2; D Attwell bt J Rampiin, 6-0, 6-0.
ROSMALEN, Holland: Men's tournament: Second round: R Krajicek (Holl) bt P McEnroe (US), 6-4, 6-4; W Masur (Aus) bt P Kldcamy (Aus), 6-3, 5-2; A Volkov (Rus) bt A Olhowskiy (Rus), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; H Holm (Swe) bt D Rostagno (US), 6-3, 6-2.

VOLLEYBALL

SEOUL: Men's world league: Group B: South Korea 3, Holland 2.
SYDNEY: Women's world grand prix: China 3, United States 1; Cuba 3, Russia 1.

TODAY

CRICKET

Tetley Bitter Challenge
First day of three
11.0, 104 overs minimum
GLOUCESTER: Gloucestershire v Australians

Britannic Assurance county championship
Third day of four
11.0, 110 overs minimum
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Yorkshire
GATESHEAD FELL: Durham v Middlesex
BASINGSTOKE: Hampshire v Kent
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Essex
THE OVAL: Surrey v Glamorgan
HOVE: Sussex v Northamptonshire
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Leicestershire

Other matches
First day of three
11.30 to 6.30
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Nottinghamshire
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Warwickshire

Other match
11.0
EGLINTON: Ireland v Scotland

OTHER SPORT

FOOTBALL: Schools under-15 International: England v Germany (Wembley, 3.15).
ATHLETICS: Pearl British Championships (Crystal Palace).
CYCLING: Milk Race (Manchester City Centre).
GOLF: British women's amateur championship (Royal Lytham and St Annes); Scottish strokeplay championship (St Andrews).
SPEEDWAY: First division knockout cup: Cradley Heath v Belle Vue; Eastbourne v Bradford. Open meeting (Kings Lynn). Second division: Swindon v Edinburgh.
TENNIS: Stella Artois championships (Queen's Club, London); DFS Classic (Edgbaston).

TOMORROW

CRICKET

Tetley Bitter Challenge
First day of three
11.0, 104 overs minimum
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Australians

Axa Equity & Law League
12.0, 55 overs
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Yorkshire
GATESHEAD FELL: Durham v Middlesex
BASINGSTOKE: Hampshire v Kent
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Essex
THE OVAL: Surrey v Glamorgan
HOVE: Sussex v Northamptonshire
WORCESTER: Worcs v Leics

Other match
Second day of three
11.30 to 6.30
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Nottinghamshire

Other match
11.0
EGLINTON: Ireland v Scotland
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Henlow: Bedfordshire v Suffolk; Carlisle: Cumberland v Lincolnshire; Sherborne: Dorset v Wales; St Albans: Hertfordshire v Northumberland. Christ Church, Oxford: Oxfordshire v Berkshire.

FOOTBALL

US Cup
England v Brazil (6.0, in Washington)

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Pearl British Championships (Crystal Palace).
GOLF: Scottish strokeplay championship (St Andrews).
MOTOR RACING: British touring car championships (Brands Hatch).
SPEEDWAY: Second division: Newcastle v Peterborough, Rye House v Middlesbrough.
SWIMMING: ASA national championships (Sheffield).
TENNIS: Stella Artois championships (Queen's Club, London); DFS Classic (Edgbaston).

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Saturday portrait: Gavin Hastings, by David Hands, rugby correspondent

A Lion-hearted Scot born to tackle the leading role in rugby

ILLUSTRATION BY STEVE MARTIN



Leadership sits comfortably with some people, others find it an acquired taste. Some study it as a craft, particularly in these thrustful, get-ahead days, and there are those for whom it is a natural extension of their personality, be it in a boyhood gang or as the captain of a national sporting team.

Gavin Hastings is one of the latter. That he leads from the back, from full back, is an anomaly perhaps, but then, in rugby union, the ball is passed backwards anyway. Merely to look at the man who led out the British Isles earlier today in the first of their three internationals against New Zealand in Christchurch, historically one of the epic contests in rugby, is to receive the impression of authority.

Size helps. There is an angularity about Hastings, from his haircut and the jut of his square jaw to the solidity with which he hurls his 6ft 2in, 14½-stone frame into the fray. He radiates strength, confidence. His is the crushing tackle, the long kick, the boisterous run. He is a big man.

That he would captain Scotland was surely never in doubt, even though he would have gone on happily as first lieutenant if David Sole had not chosen to retire last year. Scotland Schools, Cambridge University, London Scottish, Watsonians, a clutch of representative teams, he has led them all. He is not a cerebral leader but one who knows the game and its intense physical demands; he willingly accepts them and expects others to follow.

Hastings does not see himself as authoritarian in any way. On the field his role is to interpret the plans formulated by Ian McGeechan and Dick Best, the coaches, and off it to ensure a harmonious relationship between his mixed bag of players.

"I can't be all things to all men," he said, "and sometimes I might say or do something that will upset some member of the party, other times I'll do something that will please them, but I don't have a hang-up about that."

The physical approach to the game is epitomised in New Zealand. When the question of the Lions captaincy was debated earlier this year, one element will have weighed more heavily than most in Hastings's favour against the claims of a substantial rival, Will Carling, England's most successful captain. Hastings knew and respected New Zealand rugby and the All Blacks knew and respected him, from his deeds against them on tour with Scotland in 1990 and in the 1987 World Cup, after which he played club rugby in Auckland and was on the bench for the provincial side a couple of times.

Hastings, 31, does not make a cult of captaincy. These Lions broke with tradition by not choosing the tour captain for the opening match, against North

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Auckland, and his public profile has been relatively low. Ask him a straight question, you will get a straight answer; ask him, for instance, where the credit should go for any success Scotland, or the Lions, achieve and he will say Ian McGeechan.

On tour, authority has been delegated. The Lions have split into six groups of five, each with their own leader. Two of the leaders are Carling and Ieuan Evans, the captain of Wales. In this way the players may contribute more effectively to the party as a whole.

That half the party is English means nothing to Hastings, who sees all of them as Lions. "If the guys are used to going out with their pals, that's fine by me, and if they're English or Welsh or Scots, so what?" he said. "Nobody is rubbishing anyone behind their back. That is the strength of this party, as it was four years ago in Australia."

That supportive environment has been a feature of Hastings's life. The second of four brothers growing up together in Edinburgh, all of them were encouraged by their parents, Clifford, who played No 8 for Watsonians, the club for which all his sons have played, and Isobel, like her sons a talented golfer.

Scott Hastings, the third brother, jokes that their specific talents developed because, as a boy, Gavin was always kicking the ball as far as it would go and when Ewan, the youngest, went to get it back Scott would tackle him on the way. At the Watsonians training ground the 12-year-old Gavin would ask for the changing-room doors to be left open so that the light would shine on to the pitch and he could practise his goal-kicking.

Watsonians is a family club and, although it is not in the first division, both Gavin and Scott, whose international debuts came on the same January day in 1986 against France, have remained loyal. It is unlikely they seriously considered moving elsewhere in Edinburgh, where Gavin, who is single, works as a client executive for Carnegie Partnership, a sports marketing firm. After Cambridge, he qualified as a chartered surveyor.

Graeme, the oldest brother, also played for Watsonians before emigrating to Australia and one of the sadnesses of the Lions tour is that the planned reunion next week between Graeme, his rugby-playing brothers and their parents will not take place because of Scott's premature return home on Monday to recover from a fractured cheekbone and jaw.

That accident has strengthened the resolve of the party. The younger Hastings is the most popular of tourists as well as being a fine centre and, although neither brother would admit to more than the normal family affection, it may be no coincidence that Gavin's most anonymous match of the tour was last Tuesday in the immediate wake of his brother's injury.

That, though, is history and Gavin Hastings has seldom let the past affect him. That he should kick five penalties one week and miss five the next leaves him apparently unconcerned, a valuable trait in this intense rugby environment.

This is not to say that he does not suffer from nerves. Some of the worst moments of his life, he said, came as he prepared to play golf with Sam Torrance in a celebrity match against Ronan Rafferty and Peter Alliss. "I was more nervous than I have ever been in my life, including winning my first cap at Murrayfield."

Before the Lions walked out at Lancaster Park today there will have been no tub-thumping from their captain. Hastings will have reminded the players of the need to think clearly and, above all, what they were there to do and conveyed his own dislike of coming second.

Competition, not unnaturally in one of four brothers, is meat and drink to Hastings. It was rugby, cricket, golf, squash, any sport at George Watson's College. Now he occupies a world stage and revels in it — the bigger the occasion, the more he enjoys it. On his international debut at Murrayfield he kicked six penalties to beat France 18-17. He now has 45 caps for Scotland and is their record points scorer with 424.

In rugby there are few things he has not done, but only once in nine matches has he come out on top against New Zealand, for the world XV last year in Christchurch. To do the same with the cream of British rugby would be fulfilment of his ultimate ambition. Many New Zealanders believe Hastings to be the best full back in the world. Now he has the ideal opportunity to prove it.

Nolan in charge after dressage

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

PIPPA Nolan, the national champion, has a second successive win at Bramham in her sights after finishing in joint first place on Cartoon II, equal with Mary Thomson, on King Samuel, at the end of the dressage phase of the Toyota Bramham International three-day event in Yorkshire yesterday.

Both riders made small mistakes in their tests but received high marks for overall quality. King Samuel spooked several times, an aberration dismissed by Thomson as "part of his character". Cartoon bucked during his test. "It made me a little cautious," Nolan said.

Despite the heavy rain, the standard of dressage was significantly higher than on Thursday. Leslie Law, the overnight leader, has dropped to fifth place. Excellent tests from Erica Watson, on Romanov, and Mandy Stibbe, of Holland, on Mountain Warrior, have lifted them into third and fourth places respectively.

With only 10.2 points separating the top 30 riders, the competition is wide open as the event moves onto the cross-country today, for which the course is more demanding than in previous years.

Both Thomson, and Nolan have reservations. "King Samuel is limited," Thomson said. "He's a very good intermediate horse but he can put in the odd stop."

Nolan describes Cartoon as "not the easiest" horse across country.

RESULTS (after dressage): equal 1, King Samuel (M Thomson) and Cartoon II (P Nolan) 48.8; 3, Romanov (E Watson) 52.2; 4, Mountain Warrior (M Stibbe) 52.6; 5, Haig (L Law) 53.0. Young riders national championships: 1, Vital Decision (T Boon) 48.4; 2, James Frederick (S Cuttenidge) 49.2; 3, Little Victor (D Dick) 53.4

Time Royal Ascot adopted more commercial stance

Julian Muscat argues that sponsorship at next week's royal meeting would help to ease racing's plight at a time of falling ownership

The two sides to racing's character have been neatly encapsulated in the last few days.

In the week that the Jockey Club, racing's outdated governing body, was consigned to the realms of history through the launch of the British Horseracing Board, it emerged that Ascot, host to next week's royal meeting, had successfully applied to the Levy Board for an interest-free loan of £1 million to bring the course in line with fire and safety regulations.

The board was duty-bound to consider Ascot's request without prejudice, but Ascot is unlike any other British racecourse.

Ascot is run on behalf of the sovereign by the three trustees of the Ascot Authority, appointed by the Queen. During Royal Ascot, it offers boxes and entry fees at low rates to members of the exclusive Royal Enclosure.

Crucially, it does not allow commercial sponsorship at the royal meeting. The irony is that it is hard to imagine any event offering as much appeal to sponsors as do the four days at Ascot, a highlight of the summer social season.

It seems incredible that an event that persistently refuses to entertain commercial sponsorship can successfully apply for such a favourable loan of public money, particularly when so many of the nation's 59 racecourses are hanging by a financial thread.

It has been assumed, mistakenly, that the Queen opposes sponsorship of a fixture she rarely misses. "No, no. Absolutely not." Sir Piers Bengough, her representative on the Ascot Authority, said. "That is not a problem. If it was the right thing for racing, and Ascot in particular, then I am certain we would go down that road."

Even politicians at Westminster have conceded racing is a severely under-funded industry. So how can the injection of £1 million in commercial sponsorship — a conservative estimate — not be the right thing for racing . . . or Ascot in particular? The Levy Board's funds could be better used.

"There are two issues here," Bengough said. "Firstly, the important thing to get people to understand is that Royal Ascot is actually sponsored by the Ascot Authority, which contributed just under £1 million to the total prize-money of £1.3 million over four days.

"Second, Royal Ascot is unique. It is the envy of the racing world; the winning formula that one would have to be 110 per cent certain of improving if the format changed to include commercial sponsorship. We are playing to a full house every day, so why change to a high-risk, commercial approach? The whole thing looks fine to me as it is."

That is all very well for Ascot's balance sheet in particular, but not for racing in general. In this way, British-based owners are denied a significant source of prize-money when they are already toiling against the highest ratio of costs to prize-money in the world. Because of this, owners are fleeing the sport in unprecedented numbers.

Bengough's "everything is fine" argument is also contradicted by a survey conducted two years ago by the bloodstock publication, *Pacemaker Update*. Of the sample of owners, breeders, trainers and jockeys polled, 75 per cent concluded Royal Ascot's races should be open to commercial sponsorship. Sixty-six per cent went further, insisting the royal fixture should be fully exploited from the commercial angle.

The influential home affairs select committee report into the levy, published in 1991, had the Ascot Authority in its sights when it recommended that "a fully commercial racing industry should not hesitate to make the sponsorship of races attractive to bookmakers and others, repugnant as this might be to some of the industry's traditionalists".

Bengough, however, is not impressed by public opinion. "It is easy to give in to arguments about exclusivity and snobbishness," he said. "Let's say you've got some sponsors and everyone said: 'Oh, well done, Ascot. How very modern.' What good would half a million pounds do if we ended up losing money because people stayed away?"

All-out sponsorship drives do impinge on facilities for the paying public, but they have their considerable compensations. The Cheltenham festival in March attracted £950,000 in sponsorship alone.

Royal Ascot need not be swamped by unpronounceable race names and advertising hoardings. At Wimbledon, where no overall sponsorship is permitted, companies involved in the tournament, such as Slazenger, Rolex, IBM and Robinson's Barley Water, are all visible, albeit discreetly, on the Centre Court. In the same way, Ascot might seek support from the 890 holders of the Royal Warrant, suppliers of products to the royal households.

Royal Ascot, however, seems determined to hold out against the advances of commercialism. An indication of the authority's long-term intentions will surface shortly, when it announces the first occupant to the newly-created post of chief executive.

Should the new encumbent be a traditionalist, Ascot will be confirming that, like so many institutions steeped in tradition, it is simply frightened of what changes may bring.

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JULIAN HERGERT

Social highlight: Robert and Susan Sangster are regulars at the sponsorless royal meeting

Boutin chases fourth classic

FROM OUR FRENCH RACING CORRESPONDENT IN PARIS

FRANCOIS Boutin, who has won all three classics in France this season, will be trying to make it four when he saddles Accommodating in tomorrow's group one Prix de Diane Hermes (French Oaks) at Chantilly.

Cash Asmussen, who has been on board all three, will ride Aube Indienne, trained by Criquette Head.

Shaikh Mohammed's Baya is the likely favourite in an open-looking race. There are no English-trained runners, but Dayflower, who has been in England for most of the time since her arrival from Dubai but is now stabled in France with John Hammond, takes her chance.

Bright Moon and Dancienne have sound claims. Bright Moon finished second to Wemyss Bight on her last run, and despite Wemyss Bight's fifth behind Intrepidity in the Energizer Oaks at Epsom, Bright Moon has excellent credentials.

Dancienne finished second to Intrepidity in the Prix Saint-Alary on May 23.

The runners are: Accommodating, Alice Springs, Aube Indienne, Baya, Bright Moon, Broken Peace, Corrazona, Dancienne, Dayflower, Fresher, Gairsic, Rouquette, Royale Chantou, Shemaka.

Paul Cole has runners in Germany and Italy tomorrow. He saddles Tioman Island (Bruce Raymond) in the group two Zanders Union Rennen in Cologne, while his six-year-old mare Ruby Tiger (Richard Quinn) faces eight opponents in the group three Premio Legnano over ten furlongs at San Siro.

Although a disappointing fifth on her latest outing in the Grosser Preis der Wirtschaft at Baden-Baden three weeks ago, Ruby Tiger faces an easier task tomorrow and should start a warm favourite.

Cole also runs four two-year-olds, with El Tel (Michael Roberts) and Torrismondo (Richard Quinn) contesting the seven-furlong Premio Chiari, and Microlite (Richard Quinn) and Whatcombe (Alan Munro) in the 7½-furlong Premio Dyreen.

THUNDERER

6.15 Enfant Du Paradis. 6.40 Monsignor Pat. 7.10 Biljan. 7.40 Le Couteau. 8.10 Green Golightly. 8.40 Disco.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 6.40 Al Moulouki. 8.10 Green Golightly.

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6.15 INTERNATIONAL SPINAL RESEARCH TRUST SELLING HANDICAP (£2,110: 1m 6f 15yd) (14 runners)

1	650-	ALIZARI 7J C Smith 4-9-10	R P Elliott	8
2	6642	FANATICAL 15 (F) R Baker 7-9-2	A Mercer	3
3	0-40	PIMS CLASSIC 12J (G) J Harris 5-9-2	G Duffield	2
4	1005	ROMANIAN 14 (G) R Akehurst 5-9-0	J Quinn	14
5	1055	ENFANT DU PARADIS 15 (CD,G) P Evans 5-8-10	W Carson	10
6	0-05	JALORE 16 R Hollinshead 4-8-9	W Ryan	7
7	00-0	QUALITAIR MEMORY 12J J Akehurst 4-8-4	Dean McKeown	5
8	0045	GREY COMMANDER 3 (G) M Biddis 5-8-4	S Maloney (3)	11
9	/00-	LODGING 18SJ (V,F) B Ellison 6-8-2		13
10	/0-	MOST INTERESTING 12J 6 Jones 8-7-13	S Dawson	1
11	8-68	ELECTROJET 86 (F) A Jones 5-7-12	Darren Moffatt (5)	12
12	0-28	MUST BE MAGICAL 33 (G) J Mackie 5-7-11	D Wright (7)	9
13	0035	PREMIER BLUES 5 (G) R Williams 3-7-8	N Kennedy (3)	4
14	-005	BONNY PRINCESS 21 (B) J Bethell 3-7-7	N Carlisle	6

3-1 Fanatical, 4-1 Romanian, Enfant Du Paradis, 13-2 Grey Commander, 8-1 Qualitair Memory, 10-1 Pims Classic, Jalore, 14-1 Premier Blues, 20-1 others.

6.40 NOTTINGHAM EVENING POST HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,465: 1m 54yd) (7)

1	1111	AL MOULOUKI 7 (D,F,S) J Payne 9-7	R Cochrane	2
2	604	MONSIGNOR PAT 14 H Cecil 8-11	W Ryan	5
3	20-5	I REMEMBER YOU 21 F Lee 8-10	S Perks	4
4	-000	DANCE TO ORDER 28 (S) M Prescott 8-6	G Duffield	6
5	5-52	JIHAD 12 J Dunlop 8-5	W Carson	1
6	0-58	KAWASIR 18 (M) P Walwyn 7-8	N Carlisle	3
7	0-00	MORLING-15 (S) N Tinkler 7-7	J Quinn	7

13-8 Monsignor Pat, 9-4 Al Moulouki, Jihad, 6-1 Kawasir, 9-1 I Remember You, 12-1 Dance To Order, 25-1 Morling.

7.10 YOUNGERS MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,162: 1m 1f 213yd) (7)

1	-468	BEAUMONT 15 J Pearce 8-0	M Wigham	4
2	4625	BILJAN 14 P Cole 9-0	A Mercer	2
3	-000	CALIBRATE 15 B Meehan 9-0	W Ryan	3
4	045	CARLTON EXPRESS 21 (V) Denys Smith 9-0	L Piggott	7
5	0-52	APACHE SQUAW 19 C Thornton 8-9	W Carson	5
6	00-0	SILKY HEIGHTS 61 M Camacho 8-9	N Connorton	6
7	34-4	SUSQUEHANNA DAYS 35 I Balding 8-9	R Cochrane	1

13-8 Apache Squaw, 100-30 Susquehanna Days, 9-2 Biljan, 13-2 Calibrate, 7-1 Beaumont, 8-1 Silky Heights, 25-1 Carlton Express.

7.40 BBC RADIO NOTTINGHAM CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,351: 1m 54yd) (10)

1	50-0	LE COUTEAU 10 (S) W Haggas 8-13	M Roberts	7
2		BILLESDOWN	J Pearce 8-11	M Wigham	8
3		BLAKENEY'S DOUBLE	A Forbes 8-11	S Williams (3)	1
4		4021MRS DAWSON 11 (D,F)	A Hanbury 8-10	A Proud	3
5		3-00RISH DOMINION 47	R Williams 8-8	R Cochrane	5
6		060-HONEYMOON DAWN 234	W Clay 8-8	D Wright (7)	9
7		00-RIVER FIRE 268	J Wharton 8-5	J Quinn	4
8		3036A BADGE TOO FAR 12 (V)	J Scargill 8-8	Ifed	10
9		0-53MYSILV 25 (BF)	C Wall 8-6	P Robinson	2
10		00-SHAMROCK DANCER 282	R Baker 8-25	Maloney (3)	6

11-8 Myrtle, 4-1 Mrs Dawson, 9-2 Irish Dominion, A Badge Too Far, 7-1 others.

8.10 LOCAL PRESS FOR NEWS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,757: 6f 15yd) (14)

1		ALLEGSHOBRAIN P Evans 9-0	Paul Eddery	14
2		CRETAN GIFT J Dunlop 9-0	M Hills	11
3		FORGOTTEN DANCER R Hannon 9-0	S Raymond	5
4	4	GREEN GOLIGHTLY 24 (BF) M Jarvis 9-0	P Robinson	12
5	0	JUST HARRY 49 M Ryan 9-0	M Tebbutt	10
6		OUT OF FAVOUR M W Easterby 9-0	C Dwyer	1
7	0	SHERAK 14 W Haggas 9-0	N Day	2
8		TAKHRIJ P Walwyn 9-0	W Carson	3
9	3	THE HAPPY LOON 21 Denys Smith 9-0	K Fallon	8
10		WIZARD KING M Prescott 9-0	G Duffield	4
11	0	KISSING COUSIN 29 (BF) H Cecil 8-9	M Roberts	7
12		LAUNE Mrs J Cecil 8-9	L Piggott	13
13	4	MOUSHI 14 R Hannon 8-9	G Hind	9
14		ZOES PET G Eden 8-9	R Cochrane	6

11-4 Green Golightly, 7-2 Takhrij, 6-1 Cretan Gift, 13-2 Wizard King, 9-1 Kissing Cousin, 10-1 Forgotten Dancer, 12-1 The Happy Loon, 16-1 others.

8.40 FAMILY NIGHT OUT HANDICAP (£2,870: 1m 54yd) (15)

1	/300-0	NIMBLE DEER 15 J Glover 4-9-13	S D Williams (3)	9
2	2350	BUDDY'S FRIEND 21 (D,F,G) B Williams 5-8-9		
			Sarah Thompson (7)	4
3	005-	DIAGO 210 (D,F,G) M Jarvis 8-9-6	A Mercer	7
4	0/00	IBBEL'S LUCKY GIRL 22 (G) R Hollinshead 5-8-3	C Dwyer	8
5	00-5	SIR ARTHUR HOBBS 14 (D,F,G) F Lee 8-8-2	R Lappin	10
6	0-06	QUANTITY SURVEYOR 65 (D,G,S) M Prescott 4-8-2	G Duffield	5
7	0-00	LORD OBERON 8 (CD,F,G) J Akehurst 5-8-12	Dean McKeown	19
8	0-35	LORD ALFIE 8 (BF) B Meehan 4-8-8	S Whitworth	2
9	0034	DANCING REAU 9 (G) S Dow 4-8-8	M Roberts	11
10	0036	BALLYMANTER 16 (V,D,G) H Collingridge 4-8-8	J Quinn	14
11	5000	MERRYHILL MADAM 7 (D,G) J Harris 4-8-5	R Cochrane	9
12	-526	PRINCESS OF ORANGE 14 W Brisbourne 4-8-2		
			S Maloney (3)	12
13	0-80	IRISH BROOM 40 (B,D,G) J Smith 6-8-1	A Mackay	3
14	0/00-	BLAKE'S TREASURE 382 (B,CD,F,G) T Thomson Jones 6-7-11	N Carlisle	1
15	00-4	VICTOR ROMEO 8 (V,C,F) R Spicer 4-7-11	Darren Moffatt (5)	15

100-30 Dancing Reau, 5-1 Ballymanter, 7-1 Princess Of Orange, 8-1 Sir Arthur Hobbs, 9-1 Quantity Surveyor, 10-1 Lord Alfie, Merryhill Madam, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 27 winners from 63 runners, 42.9%; P Walwyn, 7 from 32, 21.9%; P Cole, 15 from 70, 21.4%; J Dunlop, 21 from 105, 20.0%; W Haggas, 3 from 15, 20.0%; M Prescott, 5 from 32, 15.6%.

JOCKEYS: L Piggott, 4 from 15, 26.7%; W Carson, 24 from 181, 16.5%; R Cochrane, 14 from 97, 15.4%; P Robinson, 4 from 26, 15.4%; W Ryan, 18 from 128, 12.5%; M Roberts, 16 from 158, 10.1%.

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Colour Sergeant misses Ascot as Queen has double setback

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

THE Queen has suffered a double setback for Royal Ascot with two of her fancied runners ruled out by injury following a racecourse gallop.

Colour Sergeant, winner of the Royal Hunt Cup last year and backed to repeat the success in the competitive mile handicap next Wednesday, failed to sparkle at Newbury after racing on Thursday and was found to be lame yesterday morning.

Desert Lore, a two-year-old who won nicely at Bath on his debut last month, split a pastern during a similar work-out at the Berkshire course and is out for the season. The Green Desert colt had been an intended runner in the Coventry Stakes.

Lord Huntingdon, trainer of the unfortunate duo, said yesterday: "It was just bad luck. Colour Sergeant has always been bothered with arthritic problems behind, which is why he has always been run so sparingly. He stirred things up enough on Thursday and he was considerably stiffer this morning than I would have liked.

"Obviously the problem was bothering him enough during the gallop. He travelled very well on the bit but when the lad asked him to quicken, he hesitated enough for us to know something was hurting him. It would have been silly to declare him for the Royal Hunt Cup, where we have Piquant as a stand-in."

Huntingdon said he hoped Desert Lore would be all right by next year. The fracture was being screwed in an operation yesterday.

Despite the setbacks, the Queen's colours will still be seen at the royal meeting. Enharmonic, successful in the Diomed Stakes on Derby day, steps up in distance to contest the Prince of Wales's Stakes on Tuesday.

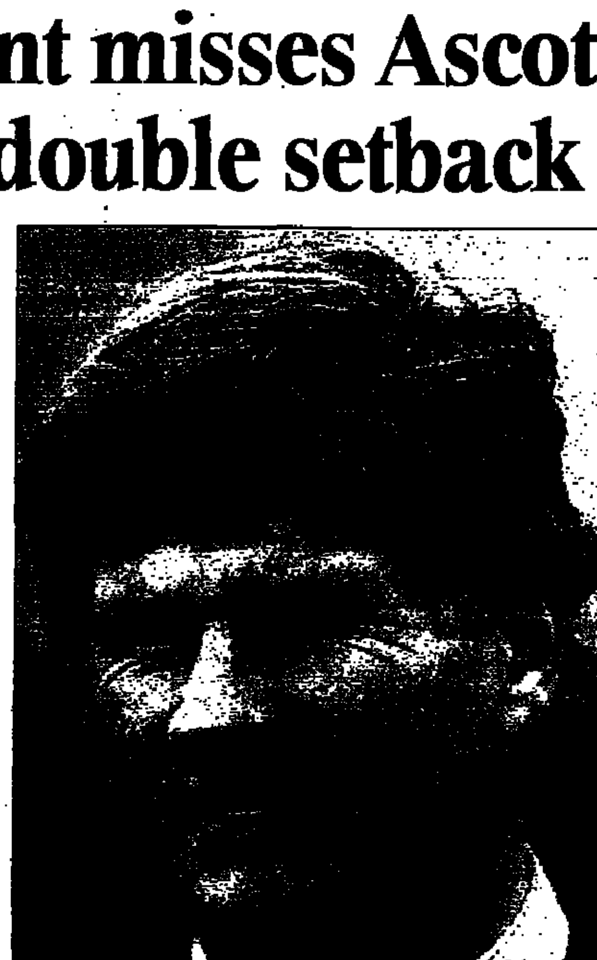
Piquant will try to emulate Colour Sergeant's feat last year, while Whitechapel has been pencilled for the Bessborough Stakes.

Empire Pool, an improving three-year-old, will run in the King George V Handicap following a good second behind Sun Of Spring on Oaks day. Green Kilt, a lightly-raced three-year-old, completes the royal line-up in the Britannia Stakes.

Royal Ascot is traditionally racing's showpiece, but before the sport is seen to its best advantage some rather unfortunate dirty washing has to be aired in public.

The committee of enquiry into the Grand National fiasco, chaired by Sir Michael Connell, will report tomorrow. Connell, a High Court judge and Jockey Club member, Len Cowburn, the recently-retired deputy chairman of William Hill, and Stan Mellor, the trainer and former champion jockey, enquired into what happened on that fateful day at Aintree in April when two false starts prompted the cancellation of the world's most famous steeplechase.

The report is likely to focus on the role and responsibilities of Ken Evans, the flagman, Captain Keith Brown, the bowler-hatted starter, and the attempts by Aintree officials to have the starting system modernised in the weeks leading up to the race.



Royal absentees: Huntingdon forced to withdraw two of the Queen's Ascot hopes after gallop injuries

Nap: THE SNOUT
(2.50 Sandown Park)
Next best: Cool Luke
(4.45 York)

Pritchard has final chance to share title

Point-to-point
By Brian Beel

THE main interest at the South Tetcott point-to-point today, the final fixture of the season, will be centred on Julian Pritchard, who needs two victories to share the men's riding title with Alistair Crow.

He has two certain rides, the most promising of which is the in-foal How Majestic in the open maiden, which is at closing. Like Current Attraction, another entry, How Majestic has already won a race. When these two previously met at Bratton Down a fortnight ago, Pritchard's mount was beaten three-quarters of a length.

Earlier in the afternoon, he has the choice of two rides in the open — Ballyneety and Glencoe Boy. However, his task will not be easy and although Pritchard is likely to favour Glencoe Boy, the winner should come from Nearly Splendid or Celtic Sport.

With the new women's champion, Polly Curling, finished for the season and Mike Trickey's horses roughed off, the runner-up, Mandy Turner, could get a consolation winner on Sweet On Willie in the ladies' event.

TODAY'S MEETING: South Tetcott, Lifton, 3 miles east of Launceston (first race 2.00).

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER

2.20 Sister Susan. 2.50 Alderney Prince. 3.25 New Capricorn. 3.55 Camden's Ransom. 4.30 SWIFT SILVER (nap). 5.05 Desert Time. 5.35 Charity Express.

GOING: GOOD — SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.20 EBF PORTMAN SQUARE MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £3,454: 5f 6yd) (6 runners)

101 BET A PLAN 6 Lewis 8-11 ... D Harrison (3) 5
102 DANCING ROSINA P Mitchell 8-11 ... W Newnes 2
103 ROBIN LAKE I Balding 8-11 ... A Munro 1
104 SISTER SUSAN R Hannon 8-11 ... T Quinn 6
105 0 URSULINE 23 J Troy 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 4
106 6 WINSOME WOOSTER 12 P Murphy 8-11 ... Pat Eddery 3

7-4 Robin Lake, 5-2 Sister Susan, Winsome Wooster, 12-1 Ursuline, 16-1 others.

2.50 BERKELEY SQUARE CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,835: 1m 2f 7yd) (9)

201 6015 SUPREME MASTER 11 (S) R Hannon 8-13 ... Pat Eddery 5
202 -560 ALDERNEY PRINCE 7 (B,F) P Cole 8-12 ... A Munro 9
203 0-00 SWEET ROMEO 15 (F) M Johnston 8-7 ... Dean McKeown 2
204 55 THE SNOUT 15 W Musson 8-7 ... J Reid 7
205 4350 ABSOLUTELY FACT 15 (D,G) C C Elsey 8-5 ... T Quinn 1
206 6100 HEART OF SPAIN 26 (G) P Makin 8-5 ... W Newnes 8
207 -003 ONE MORE POUND 15 M Usher 8-3 ... G Bardwell 4
208 5 NOEPROB 12 C Cyzer 8-2 ... A McGlone 6
209 -554 BURNING COST 14 G Pritchard-Gordon 7-13 ... D Harrison (3) 3

11-4 Alderney Prince, 7-2 Sweet Romeo, 11-2 The Snout, 8-1 Supreme Master, 10-1 One More Pound, 14-1 Burning Cost, 16-1 others.

3.25 SLOANE SQUARE CONDITIONS STAKES
(£5,360: 1m 14yd) (3)

301 3-32 LEE ARTISTE 11 (F) P Cole 5-8-8 ... T Quinn 2
302 -822 NEW CAPRICORN 20 (F,G) M Jarvis 3-6-5 ... Pat Eddery 1
303 21- HEATHFIELD 393 (G) P Cole 3-8-3 ... A Munro 3

4-6 Lee Artiste, 7-4 New Capricorn, 8-1 Heathfield.

3.55 SILVER GAVEL HANDICAP
(£7,002: 1m 2f 7yd) (10)

401 606- OPERA GHOST 240 (F,G,S) P Harris 7-9-10 . W R Swinburn 10
402 3500 KNOCK KNOCK 18 (CD,F,G) I Balding 8-9-10 . D Harrison (3) 1
403 -030 BARFORD LAD 10 (D,F,S) J Fanshawe 6-9-5 ... A Munro 8
404 41-5 ALMAMZAR 61 (F) M Stoute 3-9-4 ... Pat Eddery 5
405 2120 CAMDEN'S RANSOM 10 (CD,F,G) D Elsworth 6-9-2 ... B Doyle (3) 6
406 2401 RAPPORTEUR 98 (D,F,G) C C Elsey 7-8-10 ... W Newnes 9
407 0-02 USAIDIT 12 T Mills 4-8-10 ... J Reid 7
408 0002 GOOGLY 14 (D,G,S) W Wightman 4-8-10 ... G Bardwell 2
409 /420 RUTLAND WATER 28 (D,BF,F) R Akehurst 6-8-9 ... T Quinn 4
410 0054 BENTICO 5 (D,BF,F) M Jarvis 4-7-7 ... J Quinn 3

4-1 Googly, 9-2 Usaidit, 6-1 Barford Lad, 7-1 Rutland Water, 8-1 Bentico, Knock Knock, 10-1 Camden's Ransom, 12-1 Rapporteur, 14-1 others.

4.30 NICHOLAS ATTENBOROUGH HANDICAP
(£3,265: 1m 3f 91yd) (10)

501 01-6 JADE GREEN 148 (G) P Makin 4-9-10 ... T Quinn 1
502 5-50 REMANY 25 (F) J Fanshawe 4-9-9 ... W R Swinburn 10
503 2503 SWIFT SILVER 12 (D,G,S) W Musson 6-9-6 ... J Reid 2
504 0-32 TAYLORS PRINCE 12 (V,F,G) H Collingridge 6-9-5 ... J Quinn 9
505 1200 GOLD BLADE 11 (G) N Graham 4-9-0 ... A McGlone 6
506 100- APRIL CITY 215 (S) M Heaton-Ellis 4-8-8 ... G Carter 5
507 -041 RAGTIME SONG 16 (F) A Moore 4-8-4 ... W Newnes 4
508 200/ GO FORUM 582 (D,F,S) J Sutcliffe 8-8-3 ... D Harrison (3) 3
509 6400 FULL QUIVER 11 (V,F) Mrs B Waring 8-8-0 ... G Bardwell 8
510 0004 RED JACK 12 J Akehurst 4-7-7 ... Dale Gibson 7

7-2 Taylors Prince, 4-1 Swift Silver, 7-1 Remany, 8-1 Full Quiver, Jade Green, Ragtime Song, 10-1 April City, Gold Blade, 14-1 Red Jack, 20-1 Go Forum.

5.05 GROSVENOR SQUARE MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,493: 7f 16yd) (9)

601 05 CLEVER MINSTREL 9 G Harwood 9-0 ... M Perrett 9
602 DESERT TIME J Fanshawe 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 4
603 PRIME OF LIFE R Charlton 9-0 ... S Raymont 1
604 5-30 WELL SUITED 29 R Hannon 9-0 ... T Quinn 2
605 3-03 WISHAM 14 B Hanbury 9-0 ... W Newnes 7
606 6- LA POSADA 225 R Hannon 8-9 ... A McGlone 3
607 4-2 QUAVER 15 (BF) J Gosden 8-9 ... G Hind 8
608 6 THRIVING 24 J Fanshawe 8-9 ... J Reid 5
609 WINDRUSH LADY M McCormack 8-9 ... Pat Eddery 6

9-4 Quaver, 4-1 Wisham, 6-1 Thriving, 8-1 Well Suited, 10-1 Clever Minstrel, Prime Of Life, 12-1 Desert Time, 14-1 La Posada, 20-1 Windrush Lady.

5.35 LEICESTER SQUARE APPRENTICE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,786: 5f 6yd) (12)

1 0-23 TUSCAN DAWN 17 (D,BF,S) J Berry 9-7 ... P Roberts (3) 8
2 3225 CHAMPAGNE GRANDY 7 (G) M Channon 9-2 ... R Painter (6) 4
3 1305 CHARITY EXPRESS 8 (D,G,S) D Cosgrove 8-13 ... P McCabe 3
4 4624 GO FLIGHTLINE 8 (V,D,S) M Bell 8-11 ... J O'Dwyer (5) 9
5 0516 PURBECK CENTENARY 10 (D,G) P Howling 8-11 L Carter (5) 6
6 006- AHJAY 215 D Wilson 8-11 ... Sharon Millard (3) 2
7 -631 KIMBOLTON KORKER 7 (D,G) J Balding 8-7 ... Claire Balding (3) 11
8 -006 PERFECT PASSION 12 J Bridger 7-13 ... Gina Faulkner (5) 1
9 3100 BELLE SOIREE 19 (G) F O'Mahony 7-12 ... W Hawksley (7) 12
10 1000 BUCKSKI ECHO 15 (S) T Jones 7-10 ... D Toole (5) 5
11 0006 WONDER 12 M Usher 7-7 ... M Baird (5) 7
12 0-60 ASCOM PAGER 28 P Howling 7-7 ... S Mulvey 10

4-1 Champagne Grandy, 6-1 Tuscan Dawn, Kimbolton Korker, 7-1 Purbeck Centenary, 8-1 Charity Express, 10-1 Go Flightline, Perfect Passion, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Makin, 7 winners from 32 runners, 21.9%; G Harwood, 18 from 84, 21.4%; J Gosden, 11 from 52, 21.2%; J Fanshawe, 7 from 35, 20%; M Channon, 7 from 39, 17.9%; J Sutcliffe, 7 from 41, 17.1%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 43 winners from 252 rides, 17.1%; T Quinn, 24 from 144, 16.7%; D Harrison, 7 from 44, 15.9%; W R Swinburn, 25 from 161, 15.5%; A Munro, 10 from 77, 13.0%. Only qualifiers.

BATH

THUNDERER

2.00 Ambassador Royale. 2.30 Kingchip Boy. 3.00 Bellsabanging. 3.30 Spectacular Dawn. 4.00 Cabcharge Princess. 4.35 Allesca.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 5F 11YD-1M 5YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 JUNE SELLING STAKES
(£2,658: 1m 2f 46yd) (18 runners)

1 200- AMBASSADOR ROYALE 10J (B,CD,BF,F) M Williams 5-9-10 ... J Williams 14
2 0046 DON'T GIVE UP 9 (B,F) R Bennett 5-9-10 ... D Meredith (5) 17
3 3436 OVERPOWER 10 (F,S) M Tompkins 9-9-10 ... P Robinson 16
4 -000 OYSTON'S LIFE 28 (F) R Phillips 4-9-10 Antoinette Armes (7) 13
5 4006 SINCLAIR LAD 2 (B,D,F,G) R Hodges 5-9-10 ... S Drowne (7) 3
6 00-5 VANROY 11 (V,D,F,G,S) J Jenkins 9-9-10 ... S Whitworth 2
7 0060 DAZZLING FIRE 23 (C,G) C C Elsey 4-9-5 Kim McDonnell (7) 11
8 3606 SIMON ELLIS 14 D Laing 4-9-5 ... T Williams 10
9 50/0 YOUNG JAMES 77 R Baker 5-9-5 ... A Tucker 18
10 630- DIAMOND WEDDING 231 (B) N Graham 4-9-0 ... W Ryan 12
11 0400 PRECIOUS CAROLINE 77 P Cundell 5-9-0 ... J Lowe 8
12 0 TOUT DE VAL 12 K Bishop 4-9-0 ... R Perham 9
13 6006 BEAT THE BAGMAN 14 L Holt 3-8-6 ... C Avery 5
14 0-0 FRANKIE GOODMAN 11 P Burgoyne 3-8-6 ... J Comber 6
15 3432 QUELQUE CHOSE 43 B Hills 3-8-6 ... D Holland 7
16 048- ZINJAAL 354 D Burchell 3-8-6 ... Stephen Davies (5) 15
17 0002 DON'T FORGET MARIE 12 R Hannon 3-8-1 ... S Raymont 1
18 00-0 KENNINGTON PROTON 17 R Juckes 3-8-1 ... N Adams 4

5-2 Ambassador Royale, 9-2 Overpower, 5-1 Diamond Wedding, 7-1 Quelque Chose, 8-1 Vanroy, 10-1 Don't Forget Marie, 20-1 others.

2.30 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (£3,622: 1m 5yd) (9)

1 P0-0 MUSTAHIL 12 (D,F) R Hodges 4-9-10 ... R Perham 2
2 4133 PROUD BRIGADIER 9 (CD,G) M Channon 5-9-8 P Robinson 3
3 -551 SOVIET EXPRESS 14 (G) P Cole 3-9-5 ... D Goggin (7) 5
4 -242 PRECIOUS AIR 17 (CD,F,G,S) A Moore 5-9-4 ... B Rouse 6
5 -010 KINGCHIP BOY 9 (D,F,G) M Ryan 4-9-3 ... D Biggs 7
6 225- BOLD ACRE 308 D Burchell 3-9-1 ... Stephen Davies (5) 9
7 0522 SOOTY TERN 10 (D,F,G) J Bradley 6-8-9 ... N Adams 8
8 5014 SAREEN EXPRESS 26 (D,G) Mrs J Dawe 5-8-9 ... J Lowe 1
9 -000 ICE STRIKE 25 (B) J Hills 4-8-5 ... D Holland 4

11-4 Proud Brigadier, 100-30 Precious Air, 4-1 Soviet Express, 6-1 Kingchip Boy, 7-1 Sooty Tern, 8-1 Sareen Express, 20-1 others.

3.00 ELECTRIC HANDICAP (£4,207: 5f 161yd) (7)

1 0633 BALLASECRET 8 (D,F,G,S) R Dickin 5-9-11 . D Meredith (5) 5
2 -031 SURE LORD 4 (D,F) W Muir 4-9-7 (7ex) Kim McDonnell (7) 1
3 0-30 FIVESEVENFIVEO 24 (C,D,F,G) R Hodges 5-9-5 S Drowne (7) 3
4 -000 LETSBEONESTABOUTIT 9 (V,CD,F,S) G Lewis 7-9-4 ... B Russell (7) 4
5 3442 MISTER JOLSON 8 (C,F,G,S) R Hodges 4-9-0 ... J Williams 7
6 4135 BELLSABANGING 12 (BF,F) D Laing 3-8-10 ... T Williams 2
7 060- COSSACK NOIR 276J N Mitchell 5-7-7 ... J Lowe 6

5-2 Sure Lord, 7-2 Bellsabanging, Mister Jolson, 4-1 Ballasecret, 6-1 Fivesevenfiveo, 20-1 others.

3.30 BONUSPRINT HANDICAP
(£3,687: 2m 1f 34yd) (8)

1 -300 TOP SPIN 11 (B,C,F,G) J Jenkins 4-9-10 ... S Whitworth 1
2 3-05 SPECTACULAR DAWN 26 (F,S) J Dunlop 4-9-10 ... W Ryan 7
3 0040 GREEN LANE 47 (CD,F,G,S) R Akehurst 5-8-10 ... R Perham 4
4 000- CHARMED LIFE 162J (G) Mrs J Dawe 4-8-0 ... A Tucker 3
5 -505 JADIDH 14 Mrs J Dawe 5-7-11 ... J Lowe 5
6 5-00 CAROLES CLOWN 14 (F) M Haynes 7-7-7 ... N Adams 6
7 0-63 ROYAL PRINT 5 W Muir 4-7-7 ... Kim McDonnell (7) 8
8 0460 PERFORATE 15 (B,G) R Baker 4-7-7 ... D Biggs 2

5-2 Jadidh, 3-1 Spectacular Dawn, 9-2 Top Spin, 6-1 Green Lane, 10-1 Caroles Clown, 12-1 Royal Print, 16-1 Charmed Life, 20-1 Perforate.

4.00 CHARLCOMBE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,859: 5f 11yd) (8)

1 0 ARKADY 17 W Muir 9-0 ... W Ryan 8
2 0 BLURRED IMAGE 65 R Hannon 9-0 ... D Biggs 3
3 3 MAJOR SUCCESS 15 (BF) B Hills 9-0 ... D Holland 5
4 0R PRIMOST 35 M Williams 9-0 ... J Williams 6
5 RED SLANEY R Akehurst 9-0 ... R Perham 7
6 06 SPORTING HEIR 7 M Usher 9-0 ... N Adams 2
7 3 CABCHARGE PRINCESS 14 M Tompkins 8-9 ... P Robinson 4
8 58 DOCKYARD DORA 11 M Britain 8-9 ... M Wigham 1

7-4 Cabcharge Princess, 9-4 Major Success, 9-2 Blurred Image, 7-1 Dockyard Dora, 12-1 Red Slaney, 20-1 others.

4.35 BEDMINSTER LIMITED STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,665: 1m 3f 144yd) (11)

1 -036 AMIARGE 11 M Britain 8-11 ... M Wigham 7
2 -031 DODGY DANCER 5 (F) M Channon 8-11 ... S Whitworth 2
3 0-00 KEDGE 28 R Johnson Houghton 8-11 ... P Robinson 4
4 6031 KISMETIM 14 (G) B Meehan 8-11 ... R Perham 1
5 0-00 M'BEBE 58 B Hills 8-11 ... D Biggs 10
6 -005 QUEENS CONTRACTOR 14 (B) M Heaton-Ellis 8-11 D Holland 5
7 0431 ALLESCA 12 (S) M Usher 8-6 ... N Adams 9
8 4232 BUGLET 24 M Pipe 8-6 ... J Williams 11
9 00-5 GALEJADE 47 D Haydn Jones 8-6 ... A Tucker 3
10 0-00 IS SHE QUICK 15 Mrs J Dawe 8-6 ... R Price 6
11 3-40 SMART DAISY 14 I Balding 8-6 ... S O'Gorman 8

3-1 Allesca, 7-2 Buglet, 5-1 Dodgy Dancer, 6-1 Smart Daisy, 7-1 Kismetim, 10-1 M'Bebe, 16-1 Amiarge, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Ryan, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; B Hills, 18 from 70, 25.7%; G Lewis, 12 from 49, 24.5%; R Akehurst, 6 from 33, 18.2%; R Hannon, 18 from 107, 16.8%; R Johnson Houghton, 5 from 32, 15.6%.

JOCKEYS: W Ryan, 4 winners from 14 rides, 28.6%; R Perham, 5 from 41, 12.2%; J Williams, 20 from 178, 11.2%; B Rouse, 5 from 49, 10.2% (Only qualifiers).

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

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3.15: Michael Stoute has a good record in this sort of race and the combination of Maxine Cowdrey and Azhar will take a lot of beating. The selection came into his own when stepped up to today's trip at Doncaster two weeks ago. Lydia Pearce partnered Pharly Story to each of his three successes last year and is the danger.

3.45: Another Jade will relish the soft going but steps up in class and is held by Young Ern. Abergele looks sure to improve after a tender seasonal introduction over an inadequate trip. However, preference is for **Look Who's Here**, who is a considerably better horse on this ground.

4.15: **River North** is improving fast and can stretch his winning sequence to four despite being put up 9lb by the handicapper following an impressive success in the Zetland Gold Cup. Key To My Heart is consistent but always seems to find one too good. If there is to be a shock, it could be provided by Shiro, progressive as a two-year-old, who moves up considerably in distance.

4.45: Cumbrian Challenge ran his best race behind River North last time and looks sure to go well, along with Sweet Mignonette, winner of nine of her last 15 races. But there may be some value to be had with **Cool Luke** who, although behind Cumbrian Challenge at Redcar, now encounters his favoured ground for the first time this season and returns to a shorter trip.

Richard Evans

YORK

THUNDERER

2.15 Make A Note. 2.45 Lacotte. 3.15 Pharly Story. 3.45 Look Who's Here. 4.15 Shiro. 4.45 Sweet Mignonette. 5.15 Highland Magic.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 GREENLET (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.15 RIVER NORTH.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

2.15 EBF GWEN MURLESS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,308: 6f) (9 runners)

1 (8) 63 ABSOLUTELY FAYRE 14 (The Bloodstock Brothers) P Harris 9-0 ... Paul Eddery 85
2 (5) 2 ALPINE JOHNNY 8 (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 9-0 ... S Perks 80
3 (6) 6 SEDAZZLE 24 (M Brittain) M Brittain 9-0 ... M Wigham 79
4 (7) 606 BLASTER BATES 36 (D Maloney) N Bycroft 9-0 ... D Nicholls 68
5 (2) CARMOT (Sheikh Mohammed) P Cole 9-0 ... M Roberts —
6 (3) DOUBLE DANCER (Mrs P Findlay & Mrs H Fearon) N Tinkler 9-0 ... L Charnock —
7 (4) 3 JAZEEL 14 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 ... W Carson 85
8 (1) 2 MAKE A NOTE 14 (P Savill) R Hannon 9-0 ... K Darley 89
9 (9) SAIHAT (Prince A Faisal) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 ... G Duffield —

BETTING: 11-4 Make A Note, 3-1 Jazeel, 4-1 Alpine Johnny, 9-2 Absolutely Fayre, 11-2 Carmot, 8-1 others.

1992: LINDON LIME 9-0 A Munro (8-11 fav) P Cole 4 ran

2.45 CADOGAN MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £5,380: 7f 202yd) (4 runners)

1 (1) 0-4 FROGMARCH 11 (Lord Chelsea) W Hern 9-0 ... W Carson 89
2 (3) 2- LACOTTE 340 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ... M Roberts 90
3 (4) 3-4 SCOTSMAN 57 (Sheikh Mohammed) P Cole 9-0 ... C Rutter 96
4 (2) 50-32 QUEENS CONSUL 3 (Miss H Davison) B Rothwell 8-9 ... J Tate (7) 98

BETTING: 11-10 Lacotte, 9-4 Scotsman, 3-1 Frogmarch, 13-2 Queens Consul.

1992: KRISTIANSTAD 9-0 Paul Eddery (9-4 fav) Mrs J Cecil 4 ran

3.15 QUEEN MOTHER'S CUP — C4
(Lady amateurs: £10,113: 1m 3f 195yd) (7 runners)

1 (5) 114-135 LOKI 30 (BF,F,G,S) (M Watt) G Lewis 5-11-0 ... Miss A Dare 89
2 (4) 2130-35 PHARLY STORY 10 (D,F,G,S) (A Lomas) M Pipe 5-11-0 ... Mrs L Pearce 95
3 (1) 103165 SWORD MASTER 23 (D,G) (I Vogt) Bob Jones 4-11-0 ... Miss Diana J Jones 78
4 (7) 20456-0 AREMEF 22J (G) (A Hancock III) Mrs J Cecil 4-10-10 ... Mrs J Crossley 76
5 (3) 00/0-0P0 NEGATORY 7J (D,F) (A Needham) M Chapman 6-10-10 ... Miss P Robson —
6 (6) 00-4531 AZHAR 14 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-9-12 Mrs M Cowdrey 99
7 (2) 31 HASTEN TO ADD 8 (D,G) (Pin Oak Stable) M Prescott 3-9-8 Miss I Diana W Jones 91

BETTING: 9-4 Azhar, 11-4 Loki, 7-2 Pharly Story, 8-1 Sword Master, 7-1 Hasten To Add, 8-1 others.

1992: SEA GODDESS 4-10-7 Mrs L Pearce (7-2) W Jarvis 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

LOKI 6f 5th of 13 to Muhayaa in a handicap here (1m 2f 85yd, good). PHARLY STORY 19¼l 5th of 12 to Fieldridge in a handicap at Epsom (1m 2f, good). SWORD MASTER 5l 5th of 15 to Glide Path in a handicap at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to firm). AREMEF 15l 7th of 8 to Malcliber in a handicap at Lingfield on latest Flat start (AW, 1m 2f, standard). Won a novice hurdle at Stratford last month (2m 110yd, good). AZHAR beat Dreams End 1l in an 8-runner handicap at Doncaster (1m 4f, good).
Selection: AZHAR

3.45 WILLIAM HILL TROPHY HANDICAP — C4
(3-Y-O: £28,542: 6f) (13 runners)

1 (3) 4050-10 ELLE SHAPED 14 (F,G) (J Marsden) S Norton 9-7 ... O Pears (5) 90
2 (7) 013-622 YOUNG ERN 21 (D,F,S) (M Kentish) S Dow 9-2 ... C Rutter 99
3 (6) 0-44306 ARADANZA 10 (F,S) (Mrs P Lewis) M Channon 9-2 ... Paul Eddery 88
4 (8) 2160-51 LOOK WHO'S HERE 14 (D,S) (S Edwards) B McMahon 9-1 (7ex) ... B Raymond 95
5 (10) 204-034 TROON 21 (F) (T Hirschfeld) Mrs L Piggott 8-10 ... L Piggott 95
6 (2) 26100-1 HEAVENLY RISK 35 (D,F,G) (Reldvale Ltd) R Hannon 8-10 ... Mark Denaro (7) 92
7 (9) 551-013 SOUTHERN MEMORIES 14 (D,BF,F,G) (J Horgan) R Hannon 8-9 ... W Carson 90
8 (12) 21531-0 ABERGELE 25 (D,F,S) (J Fitzgerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-8 ... K Fallon 88
9 (5) 22-12 CYNIC 30 (S) (Lord Derby) J Watts 8-6 ... G Duffield 96
10 (13) 20200-2 GREENLET 14 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-2 ... M Roberts 95
11 (11) 112231 ANOTHER JADE 14 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Kaplan) A Jarvis 8-1 ... D Wright (7) 98
12 (1) 416-51 FOR THE PRESENT 17 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Hazell) T Barron 7-12 (7ex) ... K Darley 99
13 (4) 312-025 SPECIAL ONE 21 (G) (Mrs C Snowe) J Hills 7-10 ... S Dawson 88

BETTING: 5-1 Look Who's Here, 6-1 Cynic, 7-1 Young Ern, 8-1 Abergele, Another Jade, Greenlet, Southern Memories, 12-1 Heavenly Risk, 14-1 For The Present, Troon, 16-1 others.

1992: ORTHORHOMBUS 9-2 Paul Eddery (15-2) G Lewis 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

ELLE SHAPED beat Lucky Parkes 3¾l in a 5-runner handicap at Chester on penultimate start (5f, good to firm), with ARADANZA (11lb better off) 4l 3rd. YOUNG ERN 3l 2nd of 15 to True Precision in a handicap at Newmarket (6f, good), with ANOTHER JADE (same terms) ¾l 3rd. TROON (same terms) a short-head 4th, SPECIAL ONE (same terms) 4l 5th and ARADANZA (same terms) 7l 10th. LOOK WHO'S HERE beat Celestial Key ½l in an 8-runner listed handicap at Haydock (6f, soft), with SOUTHERN MEMORIES (6lb better off) 3¾l 3rd and ELLE SHAPED (4lb better off) 13l 8th. HEAVENLY RISK beat El Yasaf 1½l in a 12-runner handicap at Bath (5f, firm). CYNIC 1½l 2nd of 12 to Hi Nod in a handicap here (7f, good), with LOOK WHO'S HERE (4lb worse off) 2l 5th. GREENLET ¾l 2nd of 9 to Storiths in a handicap at Doncaster (6f, good). ANOTHER JADE beat Champagne Grandy a short head in a 6-runner apprentices' handicap at Haydock (6f, soft). FOR THE PRESENT beat Formidable Liz a head in a 15-runner handicap at Ripon (6f, good).
Selection: LOOK WHO'S HERE

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.15 DANIEL PRENN ROYAL YORKSHIRE HANDICAP — C4
(Listed race: 3-Y-O: £9,541: 1m 2f 85yd) (7 runners)

1 (2) 3-3111 RIVER NORTH 12 (D,G) (P Savill) Lady Herries 9-7 ... K Darley 99
2 (4) 1105-34 NOYAN 31 (B,C,F,G) (Y Birol) M Bell 9-5 ... M Fenton 94
3 (1) 31025-3 CHAIN DANCE 31 (G) (J Greetham) M Stoute 9-1 ... Paul Eddery 95
4 (7) 01113-3 SHIRO 11 (F,S) (S Manana) R Williams 8-13 ... M Roberts 93
5 (5) 326-223 KEY TO MY HEART 14 (F,S) (Mrs M Pickering) D Moffatt 8-12 ... K Fallon 93
6 (3) 2541-55 JACKPOT STAR 7 (G) (NTC (Racing) Ltd) R Hannon 8-12 ... W Carson 85
7 (6) 2-04565 PERSIAN REVIVAL 15 (B,F) (Mrs P Sturgess) B McMahon 8-12 ... J Fortune 87

BETTING: 5-4 River North, 4-1 Shiro, 11-2 Key To My Heart, 10-1 Chain Dance, Jackpot Star, Noyan, 16-1 Persian Revival.

1992: BOBZAO 8-11 A Munro (16-1) W Carter 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

RIVER NORTH beat Philidor 1l in a 14-runner handicap at Redcar (1m 2f, good). NOYAN 14¾l 4th of 5 to Tenby in the group II Tote Dante Stakes over course and distance (good). CHAIN DANCE 6½l 3rd of 6 to Dayflower in a conditions race over course and distance (good). SHIRO 6¾l 3rd of 6 to Catrail in a conditions race at Leicester (7f, good). KEY TO MY HEART 6¾l 3rd of 13 to Moorish in a handicap at Haydock (1m, soft). JACKPOT STAR 7½l 5th of 10 to Ribbi in a handicap at Epsom (1m 110yd, good to firm). PERSIAN REVIVAL 3l 5th of 6 to Premier League in a conditions race at Haydock (1m, soft).
Selection: CHAIN DANCE

4.45 CRAWLEY WARREN HANDICAP — C4
(£10,672: 1m 205yd) (9 runners)

1 (5) 1010-23 CUMBRIAN CHALLENGE 12 (D,F,G) (Cumbrian Ltd) M H Easterby 4-9-11 M Birch 98
2 (7) 11250-4 KING PARIS 45 (F,G) (Mrs P Kapidas) M Bell 3-9-3 ... M Hills 99
3 (1) 323000/ OPERATION WOLF 12J (F) (Full Circle Plc) N Tinkler 7-8-10 ... Kim Tinkler —
4 (4) 140-205 COOL LUKE 12 (S) (B Batey) G Moore 4-8-8 ... J Fanning 99
5 (9) 531/ TOP SHIEL 626 (G) (I Goldsmith) L Cumani 5-8-6 ... R Cochrane —
6 (6) 2160-60 GREEK GOLD 39 (G) (D Pickering) M Stoute 4-8-3 ... M Roberts 91
7 (8) 333215- ROYAL CITIZEN 299 (G) (J Bottomley) J Bottomley 4-8-3 ... L Charnock —
8 (3) 161111 SWEET MIGNONETTE 10 (D,F,G) (R Whitehead) Mrs M Reveley 5-8-2 ... K Darley 98
9 (2) 400130- DOUBLE ECHO 178 (G) (Mrs J Lee) J Bethell 5-7-10 ... W Carson 93

BETTING: 9-4 Sweet Mignonette, 7-2 Cumbrian Challenge, 4-1 Cool Luke, 13-2 Greek Gold, 7-1 Operation Wolf, 8-1 King Paris, 10-1 others.

1992: LUCKY GUEST 5-8-7 W Carson (11-4 fav) J Dunlop 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

CUMBRIAN CHALLENGE 4l 3rd of 14 to River North in a handicap at Redcar (1m 2f, good), with COOL LUKE (2lb better off) 4l 5th. KING PARIS 4¾l 4th of 5 to Tioman Island in a conditions race at Ascot (1m 2f, good). TOP SHIEL beat Northern Trial 6l in an 8-runner maiden at Brighton (1m 2f, good). GREEK GOLD 3¾l 6th of 8 to Bookcase in a handicap at Kempton on penultimate start (1m 4f, good to soft). ROYAL CITIZEN beat Damhsa 2½l in a 3-runner maiden at Ballinrobe on penultimate start (1m 2f, good). SWEET MIGNONETTE beat Jahangir 1l in a handicap at Beverley (1m 110yd, good).
Selection: SWEET MIGNONETTE (nap)

5.15 MICHAEL SOBELL HANDICAP (£6,264: 6f 214yd) (10 runners)

1 (3) 62000-0 JALMUSIQUE 67 (C,D,F) (Mrs J Pallister) M H Easterby 7-9-10 ... M Birch 90
2 (8) 000-001 THE AUCTION BIDDER 8 (S) (Heathavon Stables Ltd) R Hollinshead 6-9-9 K Darley 92
3 (9) 051-002 HIGHLAND MAGIC 40 (CD,G) M Fetherston-Godley 5-9-7 ... M Roberts 97
4 (1) 414213 DEBSY DO 5 (D,G) (Uniscan Ltd) S Norton 4-9-1 ... O Pears (5) 94
5 (10) 2801-5 BLOW DRY 40 (G) (J Hanson) J Hanson 3-8-13 ... A Culhane 94
6 (5) 51420/0 GRANITTON BAY 7 (D,F,S) (D Gill) R Whitaker 6-8-12 ... G Parkin (7) —
7 (7) 000002 AFRICAN CHIMES 22 (D,F,G) (D Wheatley) M Chapman 6-8-10 ... D McCabe (7) 99
8 (6) 30-1001 MY BEST VALENTINE 10 (D,F,G) (The Valentines) P Harris 3-8-9 ... F Norton 97
9 (4) 200510 RURAL LAD 7 (D,F,G,S) (Vintage Racing) R Spicer 4-8-4 ... L Charnock 94
10 (2) 302521 VELOCE 7 (D,F,G) (M Gonzalez) A Bailey 5-8-4 ... A Mackay 96

BETTING: 4-1 Veloce, 11-2 Highland Magic, 7-1 My Best Valentine, The Auction Bidder, 8-1 African Chimes, 10-1 Blow Dry, Debsy Do, Rural Lad, 12-1 others.

1992: RINGLAND 4-9-5 L Piggott (8-1) P Haslam 12 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M F-Godley	5	13	38.5	M Roberts	29	204	14.2
J Gosden	24	80	30.0	W Carson	29	211	13.7
P Cole	9	35	25.7	Paul Eddery	10	83	12.0
J Dunlop	13	53	24.5	M Birch	17	145	11.7
L Cumani	15	72	20.8	G Duffield	7	62	11.3
M Stoute	24	122	19.7	(Only qualifiers)			

☐ Dominuet repeated last year's victory in the Innovative Marketing Handicap at York yesterday when catching Sir Harry Hardman inside the last furlong. Her trainer, John Spearing, said that the long-term target for the eight-year-old is the Ladbrokes Ayr Gold Cup in September, in which she has been placed for the past two years.

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6.30 Storm Free. 7.00 Sly Prospect. 7.30 Doc's Coat. 8.00 Field Of Vision. 8.30 Sylvan Breeze. 9.00 Land O'Lakes.

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6.30 SPRINGER HANDICAP
(All-weather: £2,660: 1m 2f) (7 runners)

1 3212 STORM FREE 23 (CD,G) L Cottrell 7-10-0 ... J Reid 3
2 -014 ONE OFF THE RAIL 18 (CD,G) A Moore 3-9-5 ... B Rouse 6
3 6510 MODESTO 61 (V,CD,G,S) K Cunningham-Brown 5-9-1 T Quinn 5
4 -314 DAY OF HISTORY 46 (CD,G,S) C Cyzer 4-8-10 ... D Biggs 2
5 0112 NORTHERN CONQUEROR 12J (BF,CD,F,G) T Naughton 5-8-9 ... D Holland 4
6 3500 DON'T DROP BOMBS 21 (V,G) P Felden 4-8-7 ... J Tate (7) 1
7 000/ MY SPARKLING RING 12J C Nash 7-7-7 ... J Lowe 7

2-1 Day Of History, 11-4 Storm Free, 4-1 Northern Conqueror, 13-2 Modesto, 10-1 One Of The Rail, 12-1 Don't Drop Bombs, 16-1 My Sparkling Ring.

7.00 GSP SELLING HANDICAP (£2,805: 7f) (16)

1 44-0 TOP SONG 14 R Akehurst 4-10-0 ... T Quinn 6
2 -080 ELEGANT TOUCH 12 (V,F) M Pipe 4-9-12 ... M Perrett 14
3 -534 HARCLIFF 18 (V) C Lines 4-9-12 ... J Lowe 13
4 -000 HIGHEST PRAISE 10 (CD,F,G,S) J Hills 10-9-7 ... D Holland 3
5 0-05 FAIR ENCHANTRESS 8 (B,F) J Bennett 5-9-4 ... T Sprake 10
6 2500 SHALOU 8 (C,F) R Hodges 4-9-2 ... S Drowne (7) 5
7 0640 SLY PROSPECT 12 (D,F) K White 5-9-2 ... R Wernham 15
8 4000 BOULABAS 10 (B,G) J Pearce 4-8-13 ... G Bardwell 16
9 000- APACHEE FLOWER 229 H Howe 3-8-13 ... W Newnes 12
10 0006 BONITA BEE 8 (B) L Holt 3-8-12 ... J Reid 2
11 000 WESSEX WARRIOR 23 (V) D Laing 7-8-12 T G McLaughlin (7)
12 0-06 SUI GENERIS 19 M McCormack 3-8-9 ... A Clark 9
13 2016 PENNY BANGER 18 (BF,D,G) M Johnston 3-8-9 ... T Williams 4
14 -450 J'ARRIVE 10 D Morris 4-8-8 ... C Hodgson (5) 8
15 0000 AGUADO 18 N Callaghan 4-8-5 ... G Carter 1
16 6506 CASTLE MAID 7 R Hodges 6-8-5 ... D Biggs 11

9-2 Top Song, 11-2 Harcliff, 6-1 Elegant Touch, 15-2 Castle Maid, 8-1 Fair Enchantress, 9-1 Penny Banger, 10-1 Shalou, Highest Praise, 12-1 others.

7.30 MOTT MACDONALD MAIDEN STAKES
(All-weather: £2,611: 2m) (8)

1 35/2 CARFAX 14 R Hoad 8-9-10 ... W Newnes 1
2 -242 DOC'S COAT 23J C Wildman 8-9-10 ... C Rutter 3
3 -000 DOMAIN 12 (B) R Weaver 5-9-10 ... J Lowe 8
4 000- TAPESTRY DANCER 35J M Haynes 5-9-10 ... M Perrett 4
5 004/ NORSTOCK 12J J White 6-9-5 ... R Price 2
6 0-60 QUALITAIR IDOL 40J Mrs A Knight 4-9-5 Marie Plowright (7) 5
7 -034 BURNT IMP 17 G Harwood 3-8-4 ... T Quinn 6
8 0003 THREEORUS 28 (B) K Ivory 3-8-4 ... G Bardwell 7

4-5 Burnt Imp, 11-4 Doc's Coat, 5-1 Domain, 8-1 Carfax, 10-1 others.

8.00 POINTER HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,012: 7f) (12)

1 60-3 HADEER'S DANCE 12 (D,F) R Armstrong 9-7 ... R Price 10
2 0-41 MITHI AL GAMAR 28 (CD,F) M Stoute 9-6 ... W R Swinburn 3
3 -551 INDERAPUTERI 18 (D,F) Miss G Kelleway 8-13 ... K Darley 2
4 0-13 SOAKING 28 (CD,F) G Moore 8-12 ... B Rouse 8
5 0-10 PRAIRIE GROVE 40 (BF,D,G) R Hannon 8-11 ... A McGlone 11
6 -665 TAJDIF 12 (F,G) D Morley 8-9 ... D Holland 6
7 600- NEWINGTON BUTTS 215 R Akehurst 8-8 ... T Quinn 4
8 0-40 GLEN MILLER 49 J Payne 8-3 ... G Carter 5
9 3-10 FIELD OF VISION 12 (BF,CD,F) M Johnston 8-1 ... T Williams 12
10 0000 GREENWICH CHALLENGE 10 (D,G,S) C Smith 8-0 . E Johnson 7
11 040 MARAT 35 J Jenkins 7-8 ... J Lowe 1
12 3654 MEDLAND 75 D Wilson 7-7 ... Sharon Millard (7) 9

11-4 Mithi Al Gamar, 4-1 Hadeer's Dance, 9-2 Soaking, 5-1 Field Of Vision, Inderaputeri, 8-1 Tajdif, 12-1 others.

8.30 LURCHER MAIDEN STAKES (£3,699: 6f) (14)

1 GARRY'S CHOICE B Smart 4-9-7 ... Dale Gibson 1
2 042 ISLAND KNIGHT 12 M Ryan 4-9-7 ... D Biggs 12
3 -204 SYLVAN BREEZE 14 (V) P Mitchell 5-9-7 ... W Newnes 11
4 56/ UTRILLO 59J B Curley 4-9-7 ... M Perrett 9
5 0000 DAL MISS 11 (B) R Peacock 6-9-2 ... A McGlone 7
6 0-0 UNIFICATION 26 R Akehurst 4-9-2 ... T Ashley (7) 3
7 -243 JAAZIM 11 W Hern 3-8-12 ... A Clark 6
8 4-0 JALIB 14 C Benstead 3-8-12 ... B Rouse 10
9 0 BY QUEEN 48 R Weaver 3-8-7 ... J Lowe 8
10 0-0 DESERT GIRL 46 J Fanshawe 3-8-7 ... A Cairns 13
11 JEAN BRODIE H Howe 3-8-7 ... T Lang 4
12 2-6 PETERSFORD GIRL 38 Miss J Doyle 3-8-7 ... J Reid 14
13 0 PHARLING 15 B Curley 3-8-7 ... G Carter 2
14 0 PRESS ONWARD 12 M Johnston 3-8-7 ... T Williams 5

9-4 Petersford Girl, 11-4 Jaazim, 7-2 Island Knight, 6-1 Press Onward, 8-1 Sylvan Breeze, 10-1 Jalib, 14-1 others.

9.00 RETRIEVER LIMITED STAKES
(All-weather: £2,588: 1m) (9)

1 0080 BASSIO 10 (H,D,F,G) C Allen 4-9-10 ... W Hood 7
2 0020 SARUM 28 (CD,F,G) C Wildman 7-9-10 ... C Rutter 1
3 -860 WESSEX MILORD 100 J Bennett 8-9-10 .. Kim McDonnell (7) 5
4 3010 ON Y VA 18 (BF,G,S) R Williams 6-9-5 ... D Biggs 4
5 0000 BRAVE HERO 11 C Cyzer 3-8-13 ... W Newnes 8
6 5243 KINGSTON BROWN 14 (B,BF,D,G) D Loder 3-8-13 ... T Quinn 9
7 32-1 LAND O'LAKES 8 (D,G) M Prescott 3-8-13 ... G Carter 6
8 5381 RAGING THUNDER 14 (B,C,G) G Lewis 3-8-13 ... K Darley 3
9 -206 BICHETTE 36 (C,G) G L Moore 3-8-8 ... B Rouse 2

2-1 Land O'Lakes, 5-2 Raging Thunder, 7-2 On Y Va, 5-1 Kingston Brown, 7-1 Sarum, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Prescott, 26 winners from 109 runners, 23.9%; M Pipe, 3 from 13, 23.1%; M Stoute, 11 from 53, 20.8%; N Callaghan, 19 from 92, 20.7%; M Johnston, 19 from 94, 20.2%; G Harwood, 18 from 93, 19.4%.

JOCKEYS: K Darley, 4 winners from 20 rides, 20.0%; J Reid, 31 from 164, 18.9%; T Quinn, 81 from 443, 18.3%; W R Swinburn, 13 from 73, 17.8%; R Wernham, 8 from 54, 14.8%; D Holland, 16 from 130, 12.3%.

☐ Paul Kelleway is one of racing's great optimists, but the Newmarket trainer's plans to introduce Mr Eubanks in the Chesham Stakes at Royal Ascot next Thursday looked more realistic after Venta De Possa's victory at Sandown Park yesterday. Mr Eubanks is reportedly superior to Venta De Possa at home.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Brighton, Edinburgh, †Windsor, †Southwell.
TUESDAY: Royal Ascot, Thirsk.
WEDNESDAY: Royal Ascot, Ripon, Nottingham.
THURSDAY: Royal Ascot, Ripon.
FRIDAY: Royal Ascot, Ayr, Redcar, †Goodwood, †Newmarket.
SATURDAY: Ascot, Ayr, Redcar, †Lingfield, †Warwick, †Southwell.
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Blinkered first time

BATH: 3.30 Top Spin. 4.35 Queens Contractor. LINGFIELD: 7.00 Boulabas. NOTTINGHAM: 6.15 Premier Blues, Bonny Princess. 7.10 Carlton Express. 7.40 A Badge Too Far. 8.40 Ballyranter. SANDOWN: 2.50 Alderney Prince. YORK: 4.15 Persian Revival.

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RESULTS

York

Going: good to soft

2.10 (1m 5f 194yd) 1, ALINOVA (M Roberts, 1-3 fav); 2, Collier Bay (W Carson, 11-4); 3, Cara's Pride (Dale Gibson, 20-1). 3 ran. 3l, 1l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.30. DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.50.

2.40 (5f) 1, CATHERINES WELL (K Darley, 15-2); 2, Never In The Red (J Fortune, 8-1); 3, Macfarlane (F Norton, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Verde Alitalia, 8 Ned's Bonanza, 10 Drum Sergeant, 11 Sigama, 12 Gondo (5th), Medaille D'Or (6th), Beau Venture, 14 Benzoe, 16 Heaven-Liegh-Grey (4th), 20 Pollium. 13 ran. NR: Belated. 1½l, 1½l, ¾l, ¾l, ½l. M W Easterby at Sheriff Hutton. Tote: £9.40; £1.90, £3.10, £1.60. DF: £28.20. Trio: £45.70. CSF: £63.18. Tricast: £457.70.

3.10 (6f) 1, DOMINUET (J Lowe, 13-2 jt-fav); 2, Sir Harry Hardman (R Cochrane, 7-1); 3, Venture Capitalist (W Carson, 13-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 13-2 jt-fav Double Blue, 7 Red Rosein (4th), Bold Lez (5th), 15-2 Master Of Passion, 14 Crystal Jack, 16 Sizzling Saga, Finjan, Macrobian, 50 Resolute Bay (6th). 12 ran. NR: Satank. 1½l, 1½l, sh hd, 2l, 2½l. J Spearing at Alcester. Tote: £6.70; £2.00, £3.10, £2.00. DF: £34.70. Trio: £44.80. CSF: £45.89. Tricast: £277.83.

3.40 (1m 3f 195yd) 1, HIGHFLYING (J Tate, 11-2); 2, Philgun (M Humphries, 3-1 fav); 3, Big Pat (Elizabeth Turner, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Mellaby (4th), 8 Legion Of Honour (5th), Killick, 9 Redstella (6th), 10 Golden Torque, 50 Bayin. 9 ran. ¾l, 2½l, 5l, 6l, 2½l. G Moore at Middleham. Tote: £6.80; £2.10, £1.30, £1.40. DF: £9.70. Trio: £12.90. CSF: £21.29. Tricast: £76.82.

4.10 (1m 5f 194yd) 1, QUICK RANSOM (Dean McKeown, 7-2 fav); 2, Dreams End (R Cochrane, 8-1); 3, Kaiser Wilhelm (W Ryan, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 4 Pharamineux, 13-2 Crystal Cross (6th), 7 Sarawat (4th), 8 Castle Courageous (5th), 11 Satin Lover. 8 ran. 2½l, 3½l, hd, 7l, 1½l. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £4.20; £1.70, £2.20, £2.10. DF: £13.50. CSF: £27.88. Tricast: £134.90.

4.40 (6f) 1, QUEENBIRD (W Ryan, 4-5 fav; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Sinners Reprieve (M Birch, 6-2); 3, Tamar's Brigade (J Reid, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Election Special (4th), 33 Matisse (5th). 5 ran. 4l, 1½l, 4l, 2½l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.60; £1.30, £1.30. DF: £1.70. CSF: £3.29.

5.10 (1m 2f 85yd) 1, LICORNE (W Ryan, 6-5 fav); 2, Anorak (R Cochrane, 13-8); 3, Armenian Coffee (J Reid, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 10 Sakura Queen (4th). 4 ran. 8l, 3½l, 3l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £2.00. DF: £1.40. CSF: £3.31.

Placepot: £20.30.

Sandown Park

Going: good

2.15 (5f 6yd) 1, Balendra Bay (Pat Eddery, 7-4 fav); 2, Go With Bo (8-1); 3, Thorny Bishop (33-1). 5 ran. 3l, 5l. R Hannon. Tote: £2.30; £1.10, £1.90. DF: £6.90. CSF: £12.72.

2.50 (7f 16yd) 1, Venta De Possa (L Dettori, 16-1); 2, Polentaie (11-4); 3, Sharp Tycoon (33-1). Irrepressible 11-10 fav. 10 ran. ¾l, 3½l. P Kelleway. Tote: £25.70; £3.70, £1.10, £5.40. DF: £28.50. CSF: £56.15.

3.20 (7f 16yd) 1, Fawz (Pat Eddery, 8-1); 2, Marine Diver (7-1); 3, Sylvan (20-1). Yours By Right 9-4 fav. 10 ran. NR: Annabelle Royale. ¾l, 2l. R Armstrong. Tote: £8.10; £2.00, £2.70, £5.20. DF: £21.80. CSF: £57.31. Tricast: £979.82.

3.50 (5f 6yd) 1, Gone Savage (Pat Eddery, 11-10 fav); 2, Metal Boys (6-1); 3, Paley Prince (8-1). 6 ran. 2¾l, 1½l. G Balding. Tote: £2.00; £1.30, £2.60. DF: £4.90. Trio: £346.00. CSF: £7.62.

4.25 (1m 6f) 1, Mull House (W R Swinburn, 8-1); 2, Champagne Gold (10-1); 3, Prosequendo (8-1). Majestic Image 11-4 fav. 12 ran. ½l, 1½l. F O'Mahony. Tote: £8.60; £1.80, £3.10, £3.10. DF: £87.40. Trio: £262.10. CSF: £88.64. Tricast: £689.10.

5.00 (1m 1f) 1, Brandonhurst (L Dettori, 10-1); 2, Blue Blazer (7-2 jt-fav); 3, Don't Jump (7-1). Mr Vincent 7-2 jt-fav. 8 ran. Sh hd, 6l. I Balding. Tote: £14.50; £2.70, £2.00, £1.20. DF: £23.40. CSF: £42.29. Tricast: £239.76. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

5.30 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Learmont (M Roberts, 13-8 fav); 2, Gradient (10-1); 3, Lailati (15-2). 8 ran. ½l, 2½l. J Gosden. Tote: £2.30; £1.30, £2.50, £1.70. DF: £12.10. CSF: £16.94.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £1,944.39 carried forward to Sandown today).

Placepot: £1,891.80.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.30 (5f) 1, Hall (G Duffield, 7-4); 2, Floating Trial (6-4 fav); 3, Fussy Hen (5-1). 5 ran. ¾l, 4l. Mrs N Macauley. Tote: £2.30; £1.60, £1.30. DF: £2.10. CSF: £4.49.

3.00 (1m) 1, Charlie Bigtime (J Weaver, 4-5 fav); 2, Tejano Gold (9-4); 3, Suragon (6-1). 4 ran. 5l, 12l. Miss G Kelleway. Tote: £1.80. DF: £1.30. CSF: £3.10.

3.30 (1m) 1, Rocky Bay (A Mackay, 14-1); 2, Corona Gold (18-1); 3, Irish Roots (12-1); 4, Life's A Breeze (25-1). Backstabber 11-8 fav. 16 ran. ¾l, 1½l. D Haydn Jones. Tote: £31.30; £3.30, £4.00, £3.00, £9.00. DF: £42.00. CSF: £221.12. Tricast: £2,546.10.

4.00 (7f) 1, Yunus Emre (K Fallon, 14-1); 2, Personimus (8-1); 3, Red Fan (8-1). Velasco 4-5 fav. 9 ran. 2¾l, hd. M Bell. Tote: £17.70; £3.40, £1.90, £1.70. DF: £39.50. CSF: £89.38. Tricast: £661.86.

4.30 (1m 4f) 1, Pharly Dancer (S Webster, 6-1); 2, Shujan (2-5 fav); 3, Sugemar (8-1). 7 ran. 1¾l, hd. W Haigh. Tote: £11.50; £2.10, £1.10. DF: £3.00. CSF: £9.01.

5.00 (5f) 1, Superlativemaximus (J Weaver, 11-4 fav); 2, Trioming (6-1); 3, Miss Whittingham (3-1). 7 ran. 1¾l, 1l. J Bennett. Tote: £3.60; £2.90, £3.30. DF: £14.10. CSF: £18.02. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £391.10.

Thursday's late results

Chepstow

Going: good to firm

6.00 (7f 16yd) 1, Prince Rooney (Mrs J Crossley, 11-2 fav); 2, Bill Moon (7-1); 3, Coursing Newmarket (10-1); 4, Quinta Royale (7-1). 18 ran. NR: Most Interesting. 1¾l, 4l. P Butler. Tote: £4.70; £1.80, £1.50, £3.80, £2.70. DF: £10.20. CSF: £39.86. Tricast: £340.56.

6.30 (5f 16yd) 1, Second Sight (M Roberts, 5-1); 2, Rambold (25-1); 3, Millicent North (12-1). Mockingbird 7-2 fav. 13 ran. 1¾l, ¾l. M Prescott. Tote: £6.20; £2.10, £8.00, £6.00. DF: £400.00. CSF: £108.31.

7.00 (1m 4f 23yd) 1, Haunted Wood (M Roberts, 7-2); 2, Cutlass (4-1); 3, Nawahil (2-1 fav). 10 ran. 2l, nk. H Cecil. Tote: £4.30; £1.80, £2.00, £1.20. DF: £7.00. CSF: £17.18.

7.30 (1m 2f 36yd) 1, Tendresse (M Roberts, 7-1); 2, Scottish Bambi (6-1); 3, Here He Comes (11-4 fav). 15 ran. Hd, 1½l. C Hill. Tote: £8.10; £2.70, £2.00, £1.70. DF: £14.10. CSF: £45.28. Tricast: £131.69.

8.00 (1m 14yd) 1, Who's The Best (S Whitworth, 4-1); 2, Desirable Miss (10-1); 3, B B Glen (9-1); 4, Malzeta (14-1). Early To Rise 7-2 fav. 16 ran. 3l, ¾l. A Jarvis. Tote: £5.60; £1.80, £2.10, £2.50, £4.50. DF: £22.70. CSF: £48.23. Tricast: £334.87.

8.30 (7f 16yd) 1, Silent Expression (C Hodgson, 21-20 fav); 2, Nigels Prospect (20-1); 3, Calisar (5-1). 10 ran. 8l, nk. D Morris. Tote: £2.20; £1.10, £2.60, £2.00. DF: £59.20. CSF: £21.31.

9.00 (2m) 1, Capiche (P Hide, 7-2); 2, Ruffrade (7-1); 3, Glenfinn Princess (5-1). 11 ran. Stormy Petrel 6-4 fav. 11 ran. 7l, 2l. J Etherington. Tote: £5.20; £1.40, £2.20, £2.30. DF: £18.50. CSF: £28.69.

Placepot: £46.20.

Southwell

Going: good to soft

6.45 (1m 2f) 1, Madam Gymcrak (Julie Bowker, 20-1); 2, Pretty Baby (3-1); 3, He's A King (4-5 fav). 8 ran. 2l, 1½l. M H Easterby. Tote: £11.00; £1.50, £1.10, £1.30. DF: £12.40. CSF: £75.12. Placepot: £1.10.

Remainder of meeting abandoned — waterlogged course.

Coach of champions says emphasis on speed has put Briton in fast lane to success

Nimble Regis eyes world crown to end run of despair



David Powell reports on how a leading sprinter went to America in his attempt to fulfil a dream

Take it from John Smith, coach to two Olympic champions: "John Regis is armed and equipped to really succeed now and it is going to be fun watching him this season." Six months under Smith's influence in California has made Regis, by his own estimation, "fitter, faster, nimbler and mentally stronger". Quite a statement from a man who equalled Linford Christie's 200 metres British record last season.

The upsetting part was that he ran it in the Olympic semi-finals. In the final he was sixth, nearly half a second slower than his record 20.09sec, despite similar wind conditions. Worse still, in the next race out, five days later, he beat Michael Bates, who carried off the bronze medal. "I put my foot in it in the Olympic final, didn't I?" Regis says now. "I tried to anticipate the gun, rocked forward and, when it went, I was coming back." As the bend has been his weakness, anyway, come the straight he was in a hopeless position.

Meanwhile, Smith was celebrating double Olympic gold with Quincy Watts in the 400m and Kevin Young in the 400m hurdles. A chance to train with them arose and Regis jumped at it, parting company with Mike Whittingham, coach to Kriss Akabusi and Roger Black.

The British Athletic Federation funded the trip and already it is looking an extremely shrewd investment. In his first 100m of the summer, Regis moved up to joint fourth in the British all-time rankings with 10.15sec. This weekend he runs his first 200m, at the two-day Pearl British championships at Crystal Palace. It is the first of six races that are designed to set him up for the world title he blew in 1987.

He lost concentration just short of the finish, leading until the lunge. "World champion at 199 metres," was how he described himself. He keeps a photograph of the finish in the study of his comfortable, immaculately-kept detached home in Sidcup. "That race is always in the back of my mind," he says.

On the drive is a Mercedes, but there is room, just, for one more. Every winner of an individual event at the world championships in Stuttgart from August 13 to 22 will receive a Mercedes. He laughs long and loud at the suggestion that his drive has been made-to-measure for two, just as he does at an observation that he seems to get through more coaches than any athlete.

Trainers dispensed with in the last three years include two British coaches of the year, Whittingham and John Isaacs, and Clarence Callender. "Under Mike I was doing a lot of running to build endurance," Regis said. "I am not saying that was wrong because I ran 20.09sec but, to break 20 seconds, I need to be trained as a sprinter. With John, all the emphasis has been on speed.

"Twenty seconds is the next milestone in British sprinting. Linford took the first sub-10sec for 100 metres but the sub-20sec is up for grabs. I feel I am in shape to do it this season."

It underlines Christie's standing that a man who became the first to win four medals in one European championship, who has been a world indoor title-winner, and who has Commonwealth, Olympic and world outdoor medals besides, should still be regarded as Britain's "other sprinter". But for how much longer?

Christie, 33, is struggling after a back injury and should he decide he is unfit for the European Cup a fortnight hence, Regis, 26, is offering to fill the void. "I would love to double in the 100 and 200," he said.

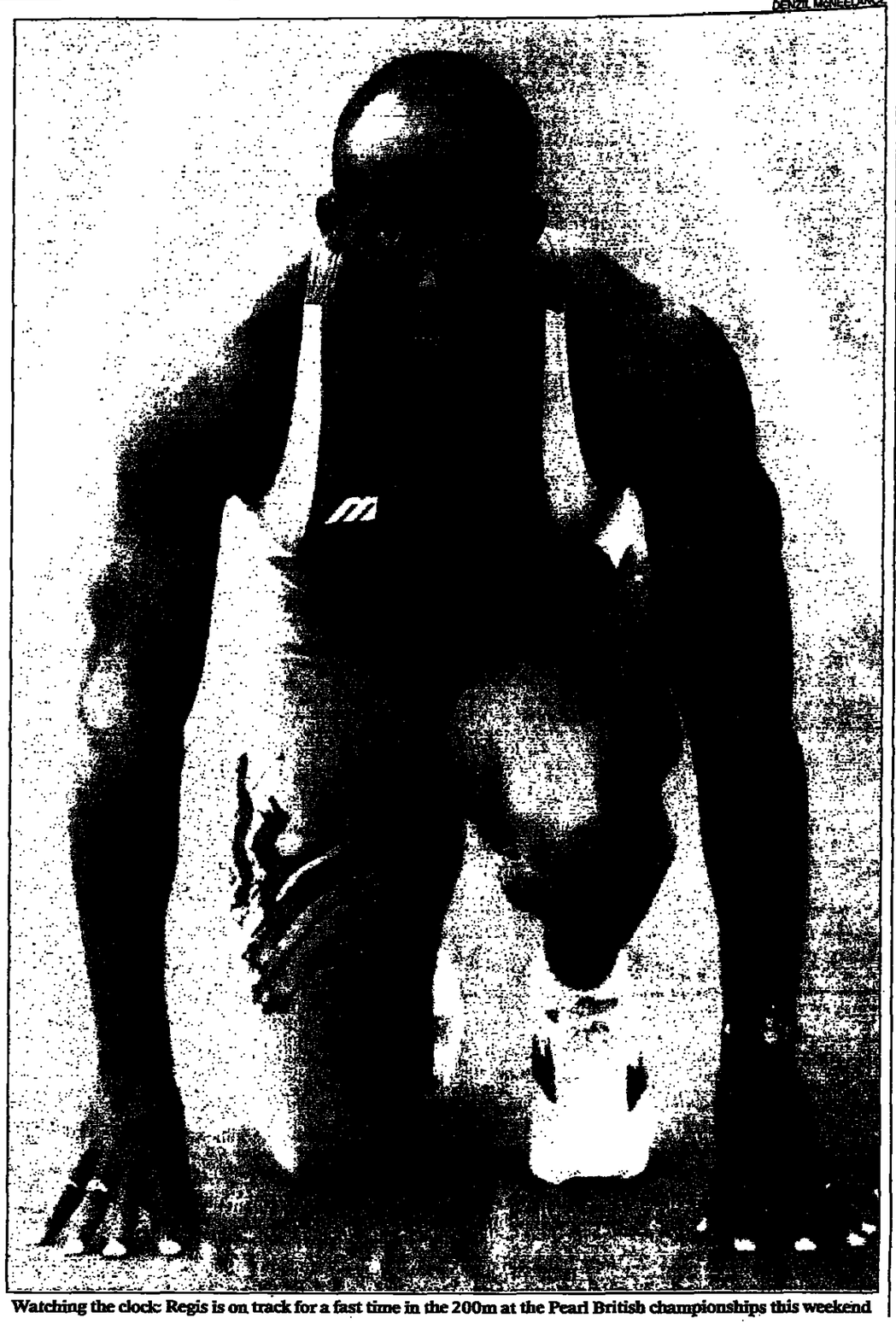
One of Regis's early triumphs in Europe was as a triple jumper. "I went to the European catholic schools championships in Spain, triple jumped 14.45m and ran 22-flat in the 200. Won them both." Then, as a centre-forward, like his cousin, the former England international, Cyrille Regis, he played youth team football for Charlton, Newcastle and Arsenal. He injured himself while triple jumping and abandoned football because he wanted to be dependent on his own ability, not on that of a team.

Still, though, the feeling persists that he is under-achieving. After a relay leg of 43.93sec at the 1990 European championships, Sebastian Coe described him as "the first Briton I have seen capable of taking on the Americans". Frank Dick, Britain's chief coach, said that he should concentrate on 400m. Now, even Smith calls Regis "my quarter-miler".

Why, then, does Regis resist? He says: "John said I could run 43.50sec [equal to Watts] but, because of the pain my body would be in, I refuse to go there." Except in the 4 x 400 metres relay, in which he has a world title to defend.

He could hardly say no to the British team, could he? Not after the British federation paid for six months in California. "I would imagine it came to a tidy sum," he says of the cost. Repayment instalments begin tomorrow: a British title is the very least expected of him.

DENZIL McNEELANCE



Watching the clock: Regis is on track for a fast time in the 200m at the Pearl British championships this weekend

Promoters alarmed by levy on road races

By David Powell

PROMOTERS of Britain's leading road races have been shocked to learn that their events are to be taxed on television income by the British Athletic Federation (BAF). The federation is insisting on a minimum payment of £15,000 plus VAT, or five per cent, from televised events.

The first race likely to be hit by the new levy is the Princes Street Mile on September 12. "We will need to review our overall support to athletics," Mike Wilson, of Gameplan, the race promoter, said.

John Caine, of Nova International, promoter of the Great North Run, said: "We already collect taxes for the BAF through road race entry fees. This is another straw on the camel's back because police charges are going up as well."

Tony Ward, the federation spokesman, defended the move. "These road races are held under our rules, using our officials, and the federation feels a contribution should be made. The other important thing is that we need to keep a grip on the televising of athletics. We have a contract with independent television and we cannot have people rushing off to BSkyB or the BBC without the event being offered to independent television first."

However, while Ward said that money was needed to support expensive international commitments, the four per cent charge on the administration of athletes' trust funds was recently dropped. "It does not make sense any more for such a wealthy sport as ours to be taking a percentage from our athletes," Ward said at the time.

☐ Richard Nerurkar was yesterday selected to lead Britain's challenge in the World Marathon Cup following his winning debut over the distance in Hamburg last month. Nerurkar will lead a five-strong men's team in San Sebastian, Spain, on October 31.

TEAM: Men, D Buzza (Cornwall), A Green (Warrington), K McCluskey (Copeland), R Nerurkar (Bingley), P Fleming (Wolverhampton). Women: G Horowitz (Aldershot), K Cornwall (North Shields Poly), D Sanderson (Watford), B Walker (Western IOM), L Harding (Houghton-le-Spring).

Lamb feasts on tasty snack at Hove

By Jack Bailey

HOVE (second day of four): Northamptonshire have scored 447 for six against Sussex

ON DAYS like this when the rain comes down and murk enshrouds the ground, even Hove relinquishes much of its charm. The clouds lifted sufficiently for an hour and a half's play in two sessions; Sussex's four seamers bowled 23.4 overs: Northamptonshire added 113 runs and lost four more wickets while piling on the runs before the declaration today.

If all this was something of an anti-climax after the stirring deeds of Rob Bailey on Thursday, Allan Lamb did his best to avoid it.

Denied the substantial meal enjoyed by Bailey, he relished the tasty snack served up by Pigott, Jones, Giddins and Stephenson, a fast-medium quartet of the kind which come as meat and drink to him on a pitch such as this.

Lamb was in no discernible trouble as he picked them off one by one, adding 50 more runs, including nine fours, thumped mostly square on either side of the wicket off the back foot.

He is such a powerful punisher of anything short of a length, such a fine player of pace bowling.

Felton lost his wicket early on. His leaving became him as well as did the making of a valuable century. Barely edging a fairly wide ball on the leg side from Jones, he turned to make sure Moores had caught it and walked without waiting for a verdict.

Enter Loye, a most promising young player, who began shakily, but was soon striking with freedom. He helped to see Northamptonshire past 400 and towards today's declaration before Lamb slashed fatally at the second new ball and he himself fell to a catch at square leg.

☐ Eddie Hemmings, the former England off-spinner, has had a minor operation on his right knee and is doubtful for next week's championship match against Lancashire at Old Trafford.

Lathwell deserves England chance

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

PRIORITIES will conflict when the England selectors meet this evening. Anxiety to discover a competitive formula before the Ashes series slips away should lead to changes for the second Test at Lord's next week but a desire to promote fairness and continuity may mean that most, if not all, of the Old Trafford 12 will survive.

The batting is likely to remain unaltered, especially after the pronouncement by Keith Fletcher, the team manager, that the best six players in England had been chosen for Manchester. The bowling, however, is a different story, and it is hard to believe that the performances of Chris Lewis, Phillip DeFreitas and Phil Tufnell merit a show of blind faith.

My view is that changes are necessary in the batting, too. Mark Lathwell should open, as he should have done in the first Test, and there is a more than merely a nostalgic case for the return of David Gower against Australia.

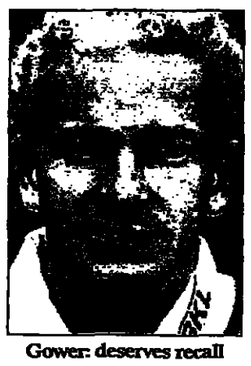
It may seem harsh to remove Michael Atherton, who featured in opening stands of 71 and 73 at Old Trafford. His contributions, however, were only 19 and 25 and there were indications that the Australians had worked him out. Allan Border placed two men short on the onside for him and he found it difficult to get the ball away.

Lathwell is in such wonderful form, and has such a phlegmatic temperament, that it hardly seems to matter where fielders are placed. England should make the most of it while they can: this is a rare and special talent. Australia would have picked him already.

Robin Smith should go up to No 3 in the order, not least because it gives him less chance of having to fathom Shane Warne as soon as he comes to the crease, and as one who found Mike Gatting's inclusion at Old Trafford hard to understand, I see no cause to persevere with him now.

Gower needed only one big innings to come back into the reckoning and he played it at Trent Bridge last week. His left-handedness is a bonus, but so is his pedigree. Australia would prefer him to be left out, which is the best of reasons for including him.

Although Graeme Hick's diffidence against Merv Hughes caused serious concern, he will play again and can be expected to do much more bowling, possibly as the fifth man in the attack if Tufnell is omitted. This leaves Alec Stewart at No 6 but not necessarily as wicketkeeper. Stewart has gone nine Tests without a century and it is closely connected to confusion over his role.



Gower: deserves recall

Since being reinstated as wicketkeeper for the fourth Test against Pakistan last year, he has made only 299 runs in 14 innings. For his sake, as well as the team's, he should be relieved of the gloves, retrieving his value as a batsman and allowing Jack Russell to restate his class as a specialist.

Russell, who is in good batting form, would then take the No 7 position from Lewis, followed by the four main bowlers, of whom only Andy Caddick and Peter Such, who made their debuts at Old Trafford, are automatic selections.

The need is for two seam bowlers who will attack the batsmen with persistency and accuracy, qualities lacking last week. There are the usual fitness complications, injuries probably discounting Igglesden, McCague, Cork and Newport, so Mark Ilott, who should have played in Manchester, must do so now. I would add his Essex new-ball partner, Neil Foster, along with Steve Watkin, of Glamorgan.

Watkin, who played two Tests in 1991, has taken 40 wickets this summer. Foster cannot be chosen on figures — his 12 first-class wickets have cost 46 runs apiece — but his quality is obvious and his fitness as good as it has been for some years. "I'm sure I could stand up to it," he said yesterday. "I'm still in some pain from my knee, but it does not affect my bowling at all."

His temper is also unimpaired, judging by the stump demolition at Old Trafford on Thursday for which he will be fined by Essex. But at least it proved the enduring passion of his game; England could do with that.

My 12 would be: Gooch, Lathwell, Smith, Gower, Hick, Stewart, Russell, Caddick, Foster, Such, Ilott, Watkin.

Nicholas blossoms early

By Ivo Tennant

BASINGSTOKE (second day of four): Hampshire, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 43 runs behind Kent

MAY'S Bounty is the ground where John Arlott saw a game of cricket for the very first time. It evokes runs in plentiful supply. Yesterday, though, survival was uppermost in the thoughts of Mark Nicholas, the Hampshire captain, his team scoring throughout at barely more than two an over.

A cursory glance at Hampshire statistics down the years shows that Nicholas often does not find his touch until after June is out. Not so this season. He averages 68 and, if that is still the case come September, rumours of his retirement will prove to be exaggerated.

For much of Nicholas's innings, it seemed likely than that he would make his first century for two years. There was not the bounce or the pace in the pitch that there had been the previous day and Kent's attack, shorn of four fast bowlers, was top-heavy with spinners not obtaining turn.

Nicholas had an engaging joust with Fleming, although whether Fleming saw it that way was another matter. He did not when driven for three successive sweetly-timed fours.

In making 73, Nicholas added 80 in 35 overs with Terry and 35 in 21 overs with James. Since the openers had gone relatively early to Fleming, and since there was no Gower and Smith had been brilliantly run out by Ward from backward cover, they forgave him in the marquees.

His dismissal was borne of a revised textbook. He had pleased the ancients with the use of his feet in driving Davis into the metallic sightscreen. Shortly afterwards he shaped as if to reverse sweep, reverted to a paddle and was bowled round his legs. Nicholas had batted for 218 minutes and struck ten fours and a six.

Other than that, there was a marvellous leaping catch by Penn at deepish mid-on to remove James off Davis and some lusty hitting from Aymes and Udal after tea. They had added 44, the second-highest stand of the innings, when surprisingly they opted to come off with only two lights shining on the meter. But then Hampshire were hell-bent on taking a first-innings lead, whatever had gone before on this ground.

Cottey frustrates Surrey

By Geoffrey Wheeler

KEITH Fletcher, the England manager, moved on to the Oval yesterday to see two Surrey players, Graham Thorpe and Martin Bicknell, further their Test claims against Glamorgan before one of county cricket's journeymen, Tony Cottey, stole the day's honours.

The left-handed Thorpe, 90 not out overnight, duly completed his first century of the season and eleventh of his career before Surrey were dismissed for 282. Bicknell then combined with Waqar Younis to reduce the joint-leaders in the championship to 24 for five by claiming the wickets of Hugh Morris and Viv Richards.

With Matthew Maynard absent with a broken thumb, Glamorgan looked certain to follow on before Cottey pulled them round. Roland Lefebvre, who took four wickets in the Surrey innings, scored 48 of the 80 added for the sixth wicket and then wicketkeeper Colin Metson helped carry the score to 160 before the last three wickets fell for six runs. Cottey reached 70 before he fell to the Pakistan fast bowler, one of the six Glamorgan players caught behind the wicket by Alec Stewart.

Spectators at the Oval had by far the largest ration of play on a day in which play was possible in only three games. The last day of the Australians' match with Warwickshire was washed out, a blow to the touring team's hopes of picking up the jackpot prize of £50,000 from Tetley Bitter for winning ten of their 14 games against the counties.

Their tally to date is four out of six, not that they are doing too badly from for prize-money. The four county wins have brought in £8,000; the clean sweep of the Texaco Trophy games produced another £25,000 and victory in the first Test at Old Trafford was worth £12,000, with power to add, as the saying goes:

Advance receipts for the second Test starting at Lord's next week are a record at £1.75 million, some £500,000 more than the previous best for the match with West Indies two years ago. If the match runs its full course, it could generate over £2 million for the first time, which is sure to strengthen the case of those lobbying for two Tests at Lord's each season as a matter of course.

Takings at Old Trafford, where the attendance for the tense final day was a disappointing 5,323, amounted to £812,000.

Britannic Assurance county championship

Surrey v Glamorgan

THE OVAL *(second day of four): Surrey, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 155 runs ahead of Glamorgan*

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell b Dale	11
M A Lynch c Maynard b Bastien	22
G P Thorpe c Metson b Lefebvre	104
*†A J Stewart c James b Dale	75
A D Brown c Dale b Watkin	16
D M Ward b Watkin	0
A W Smith b Lefebvre	7
M P Bicknell lbw b Croft	29
Waqar Younis c sub b Lefebvre	3
J E Benjamin c Dale b Lefebvre	5
A J Murphy not out	2
Extras (lb 6, w 2)	8
Total (98.5 overs)	282

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-45, 3-181, 4-211, 5-213, 6-220, 7-265, 8-273, 9-275.

BOWLING: Watkin 27-10-60-2; Bastien 18-2-69-1; Lefebvre 30.5-7-70-4; Dale 12-1-62-2; Croft 11-3-28-1.

Second Innings

D J Bicknell not out	16
M A Lynch not out	23
Extras	0
Total (no wkt)	39

BOWLING: Watkin 6-1-17-0; Lefebvre 5-3-9-0; Croft 3-1-5-0; Bastien 3-1-8-0.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James c Stewart b Waqar	5
*H Morris c Lynch b M P Bicknell	5
A Dale c Stewart b Waqar	2
I V A Richards c Ward b M P Bicknell	1
P A Cottey c Stewart b Waqar	70
R D B Croft c Brown b Waqar	5
R P Lefebvre c Stewart b Waqar	48
†C P Metson c Stewart b Benjamin	25
S L Watkin c Stewart b Benjamin	2
S Bastien not out	0
M P Maynard absent hurt	0
Extras (lb 3)	3
Total (50.5 overs)	166

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-10, 3-13, 4-13, 5-24, 6-104, 7-160, 8-164, 9-166.

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 14-4-60-5; M P Bicknell 16-5-50-2; Benjamin 10.5-3-24-2; Murphy 10-3-22-0.

Bonus points: Surrey 6, Glamorgan 4.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and R Palmer.

Sussex v Northamptonshire

HOVE *(second day of four): Northamptonshire have scored 447 for six wickets against Sussex*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham c Moores b Jones	4
N A Felton c Moores b Jones	109
R J Bailey c Donelan b Pigott	200
*A J Lamb c Moores b Giddins	60
M B Loye c Pigott b Stephenson	35
D J Capel c Moores b Giddins	6
K M Curran not out	11
A L Penberthy not out	3
Extras (lb 12, w 5, nb 2)	19
Total (6 wkts, 110 overs)	447

N G B Cook, †D Ripley and J P Taylor to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-298, 3-336, 4-407, 5-429, 6-430.

BOWLING: Stephenson 29-3-91-1; Jones 21-2-109-2; Giddins 19-0-86-2; Pigott 23-2-77-1; Donelan 12-2-51-0; Athey 5-0-12-0.

SUSSEX: C W J Athey, J W Hall, D M Smith, *A P Wells, K Greenfield, †P Moores, F D Stephenson, B T P Donelan, A C S Pigott, A N Jones and E S H Giddins.

Bonus points: Sussex 2, Northamptonshire 4.

Umpires: D J Constant and B Dudleston.

Hampshire v Kent

BASINGSTOKE *(second day of four): Hampshire, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 43 runs behind Kent*

KENT: First Innings 275 (C L Hooper 67, N R Taylor 57; S D Udal 4-43)

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

T C Middleton c Marsh b Fleming	10
R S M Morris lbw b Fleming	24
R A Smith run out	12
V P Terry c Hooper b Penn	46
*M C J Nicholas b Davis	73
K D James c Penn b Davis	11
†A N Aymes not out	18
M D Marshall lbw b Fleming	0
S D Udal not out	27
Extras (b 4, lb 3, w 2, nb 2)	11
Total (7 wkts, 107 overs)	232

I J Turner and K J Shine to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-43, 2-54, 3-60, 4-140, 5-175, 6-188, 7-189.

BOWLING: Penn 22-9-32-1; Ellison 18-8-27-0; Hooper 22-6-37-0; Patel 1-0-4-0; Fleming 26-8-82-3; Davis 16-5-43-2.

Bonus points: Hampshire 5, Kent 5.

Umpires: J H Harris and D O Oslear.

No play yesterday

CHESTERFIELD *(second day of four)*: Yorkshire 154 for 6 v Derbyshire.

GATESHEAD FELL *(second day of four)*: Durham 175 for 7 (P W G Parker 85; N F Williams 4-49) v Middlesex.

OLD TRAFFORD *(second day of four)*: Lancashire 321 (N J Speak 99, N H Fairbrother 63; S J W Andrew 7-47); Essex 37 for 1.

WORCESTER *(second day of four)*: Worcestershire 158 for 5 (G A Hick 82 not out) v Leicestershire.

Tetley Challenge match

EDGBASTON: Australians 317 for 7 dec (D R Martyn 118, A R Border 66, M J Slater 64); Warwickshire 184 for 8. Warwickshire drew with the Australians.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): Southend: Warwickshire 293 (W Khan 55, M Powell 5-67) and 273-6 dec (P A Smith 107, M Bell 50); Essex 277-8 dec (N Shahid 147, D D J Robinson 52, M Bell 5-34) and 197-7 (N V Knight 75, M Diwan 68). Match drawn.

Cheltenham: Worcestershire 182 (M Davies 6-28) and 73-2; Gloucestershire 359-7 dec (R I Dawson 111, R M Wight 73, R C Williams 64). Match drawn.

Pontymister: Surrey 386-9 dec (N F Sargeant 86, D M Ward 74, G Kersey 67; B S Phelps 5-89) and 12-1; Glamorgan 156 (J R Williams 68; J Boiling 4-13) and 239 (D L Hemp 54; D Thompson 4-50). Surrey won by nine wkts.

Stirlingbourne: Kent 245 (G R Cowdrey 64, A J Pierick 50; D R Law 5-51) and 190 (G R Cowdrey 68; D R Law 4-48); Sussex 398 (N J Lenham 138, D R Law 81, G Norris 80; E J Stanford 5-76) and 41-2. Sussex won by eight wickets.

NO PLAY YESTERDAY: Harrogate: Yorkshire 376-8 dec (M P Vaughan 123, S A Kellett 89, B Parker 68 not out) and 24 for no wkt; Derbyshire 238 (G Pooley 78 not out, A Rollins 62; C Silverwood 4-62). Match drawn.

Hinckley: Leicestershire 314-7 dec (P N Hepworth 83, J M Dakin 83 not out, A F Haye 54 not out), Hampshire 107 (W J Adam 5-30) and 16 for no wkt. Match drawn.



Waqar: five-wicket haul for Surrey



Nicholas: gritty 73 for Hampshire against Kent

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Jaded England must go with the Brazilian flow


Careca: bewitching skills

FROM ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT
IN WASHINGTON

IF ANYTHING can stir England's jaded footballers out of self-pity, it ought to come in the challenge against Brazil in the RFK stadium here tomorrow evening. "The Brazil match cannot come quickly enough for us," David Platt, the England captain, said yesterday. "We are all motivated by ourselves and by the manager. We know we have to put the boots back on and get out there on the meadow and prove ourselves."

Indeed, if the match between Brazil and Germany on Thursday is any guide, the proof will have to come from a very deep self-belief and from substantially more skill than England have collectively demonstrated to date. From Platt, who is still working on an ankle injury, Paul Ince and Nigel Clough come suggestions that rumours of a split in the ranks are without foundation.

Graham Kelly, the Football Association chief executive, said that Taylor's position is not in doubt, that there is 100 per cent backing for the manager within the international committee and that, although the FA council meets in Bournemouth on June 25, "nothing of substance is on the agenda for the international committee that day".

And so, with Taylor's own brief assertion that he goes on, it is the Brazilian game that comes sharply into focus. I hope something is seen tomorrow of the breathtaking form with which Brazil outwitted, outran and outplayed Germany for half an hour on Thursday. After all England have been through, the Brazilian samba was like water on a parched tongue.

England's players, alas, declined to attend. They reasoned that, with their plane arriving only 90 minutes before kick-off, it would have been uncomfortable in the sticky heat and in their collar and ties. "In any case," Ince said, "you know what to expect when you're playing against Brazil."

Nevertheless, some observers and Taylor made the "sacrifice". I agree with Taylor's observation that Brazil appear to be on the way back to the spectacular football with which they dominated the world between 1958 and 1970. "We can all learn from teams like that," said Taylor. "We all listen, don't we?"

All? The Americans, or at least their professional observers, are not sure of the benefits. A leading sports columnist wrote in his paper on the morning of the match: "This incomplete sport eliminates hands for 90 per cent of the participants, eliminates what makes most other sports great to watch." Well, 34,737 of his countrymen did not agree.

They warmed to the Brazilian rhythm, learnt in 90 minutes what the Brazil left back, Branco, meant when he said: "Like all footballers, we would like to rest but you have to go with the flow."

He, and the new American converts, certainly did that. In 39 minutes, Brazil scored three times. But the goals were nothing compared to the individuality of their expression.

Careca, the centre forward, nearing 33 and keen to sell himself to another club after a waning season in Naples, was the personification of Brazilian footballing man. At one stage, with an aggressive opponent like Stefan Effenberg challenging him, he flicked the ball into the air seven times with the same foot and then back-heeled it to completely fool the German.

This is the Brazilian team in preparation for the Copa America, the South American football championship, which starts next week; and for Brazil's World Cup qualifying games, which follow immediately. The team here is only half strength.

But the simplest message from Brazil is that once players believe in their style, believe in themselves, the art of the game is what it always was: to pass the ball as consistently as possible between men wearing the same coloured shirts.

Instead of fear, given that Ince says England's players still believe in their own ability, there is the fact that Brazil last defeated England 12 years ago and that it is nine games over 24 years since the Brazilians scored twice against us.

All that said, England are obviously up against it. Ferdinand's back injury will keep him out of the rest of the tournament. Taylor talks of the natural rhythm of the Brazilian players, talks with an admiration that ought to be shared by anyone who loves the game. The Brazilians have memories of Englishmen, or at least one Caribbean-born English player, John Barnes.

It was in 1984 that he, often accused of being the manager's favourite son, scored a goal of sheer wizardry in the Maracana stadium in Rio. Barnes, given so many opportunities, is still with us and he knows that when Brazil became self-satisfied with their 3-0 lead, they sat back and invited Germany to entertain for the second time. They took full advantage and equalised the match at 3-3.

The Brazilians in this mood, masters of the game but overfriendly, are at once the most devastating opponents England could meet — and the most inviting.

US CUP DETAILS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	2	1	1	0	5	3	3
United States	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Germany	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
England	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

RESULTS: United States 0, Brazil 2; United States 2, England 0; Brazil 3, Germany 3.
FIXTURES: Tomorrow: England v Brazil; United States v Germany. June 19: England v Germany.

Stich triumphs over Becker as Edberg pays heavy price

BY STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

THE Wimbledon tennis champions were on parade at Queen's Club yesterday. Boris Becker, Stefan Edberg and Michael Stich, the winners of six titles between them from 1985 to 1991, all featured in the quarter-finals of the Stella Artois championships.

Because of the lopsided nature of the draw, two of them played against each other and another two should have met in the semi-final today. Stich beat Becker 6-4, 7-6, in their first match on grass since the Wimbledon final two years ago, and Edberg should have gone through by the same score.

However, he missed two elementary volleys, usually his speciality, both of which would have effectively curtailed the stubborn challenge of Jamie Morgan, of Australia, during the tie-break in the second set. The second-seeded Swede was eventually eliminated 4-6, 7-6, 6-3. Wayne Ferreira, the holder of the championship, is to play Todd Martin in the other semi-final.

The German duel was naturally the centrepiece of the day. It illustrated that Stich is the stronger of the two. As in 1991, he won in straight sets and always appeared to be in control.

Stich, the winner of tournaments in Hamburg and Stuttgart earlier in the year, believes that he is in the best form of his life. Much of that is attributed to his marriage to Jessica Stockmann last September. His wife, back in Germany making a film, has advised him to demonstrate that he is enjoying his work. The fun came back into his game when he won the Grand Slam Cup seven months ago. The prize helped. It was worth $2 million.

"She always tells me if I'm behaving like an idiot", he said. "You can't expect people to like you if you do." The reformed Stich was gracious to his compatriot.

Becker admitted that he is not "making important shots", which often represents the difference between victory and defeat. He dropped the first set by committing three errors on his own comparatively erratic serve. A fourth Wimbledon title appears to be an optimistic rather than realistic prospect.

Stich, though, could claim his second. He intends to practise next week with Ferreira, whom he could face in Sunday's final.

Two British representatives who distinguished themselves here earlier in the week have been rewarded elsewhere. Chris Wilkinson and Ross Matheson, who each knocked out a seed — Goran Ivanisevic and Jakob Hlasek respectively — have been granted wild cards at next week's tournament in Manchester.

Andre Agassi, the reigning Wimbledon champion, will probably receive the same compensatory offer in Halle, another grass tournament in Germany. He was officially withdrawn yesterday from the field but his agent, Bill Shelton, reported that his client should be sufficiently fit to take part should he be given one of the wild cards at the disposal of the organisers.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: W Ferreira (SA) bt M Goellner (Ger), 6-4, 6-2; T Martin (US) bt D Witt (US), 6-4, 6-2; M Stich (Ger) bt B Becker (Ger), 6-4, 7-; J Morgan (Aus) bt S Edberg (Swe), 4-6, 7-6, 6-3.

IAN STEWART


Backhand drive: Jamie Delgado, of Britain, lost to Jimy Szymanski in the boys' championship at Queen's

Stein aims to keep players at Barnet

BY KEITH PIKE

BARNET'S future is likely to depend on the ability of Edwin Stein, their manager, to persuade his unpaid and disenchanted players to keep faith with the club at a meeting this morning.

The Football League yesterday granted the club, which is £1.3m in debt, a temporary reprieve when it accepted an assurance that Barnet would be able to fulfil their fixtures in the second division next season. But with the 19 registered players at liberty to seek free transfers on the grounds that they have not been paid for three weeks, and the club still banned from signing replacements, Stein can only hope enough of them will agree either to extend or renew their contracts.

Barnet have not been given a deadline by which they must complete negotiations with their players.

But Gordon McKeag, the league president, said: "We will be reviewing their position almost on a day-by-day basis. The last thing the league wants is a repetition of the Maidstone United situation, where a club struggles through to a new season and then folds."

Should the players leave, McKeag said: "It would be an entirely different situation." In certain cases a club can be expelled without an extraordinary general meeting of the league. "It is an unsatisfactory situation, but clearly Barnet have financial and administrative difficulties."

□ Liverpool are interested in signing the central defender, Neil Ruddock, if he decides to leave Tottenham. Ruddock has made it clear that if Terry Venables is not reinstated as chief executive at Tottenham he will move.

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Ruckwood books European place

BY CRAIG LORD

NICK Gillingham was not far out with his educated guess yesterday that his training partner would break a Commonwealth swimming record in the 200 metres backstroke at the Mycil ASA championships at Ponds Forge, Sheffield.

Adam Ruckwood earned his place in the British team for the European championships with a national record of 2min 01.90sec, 0.68sec inside Matthew O'Connor's previous best and only a couple of strokes short of the European breaststroke champion's prediction.

Ruckwood, 18, was delighted both at making the team and collecting his first national long-course title. "I get a real buzz from this sport," he said, praising Gillingham for helping to motivate him.

Ruckwood, from Birmingham, is among the most knowing of British swimmers. Last year he predicted correctly that the winner in Barcelona would be Martin Lopez Zubero. He learned much from his Olympic experience and is working on the submarine start and turn perfected by the top backstroke specialists to help him get below two minutes and in touch with the best in Europe.

He has put on a stone in muscle bulk since last year after an extensive weight training programme during the winter, something he believes helped him beat former national champions Grant Robins and Jamie Fleet yesterday.

The 50 metres freestyle holds much promise for Britain. Mike Fibbens, the bronze medal-winner from two years ago, and Mark Foster the world short-course record holder, both qualified on time yesterday, although Foster must wait for confirmation until next month. The title just went to Fibbens.

High winds forecast for Island circuit

A FLEET of 1,224 yachts ranging in size from two 80ft monohulls down to 20ft day sailers, will set out from Cowes early today for the annual Round the Island race (Barry Pickthall writes).

Strong northeasterly winds, forecast to exceed force six at times, promise a wild ride and the prospect of record passages for the leading multi and monohulls.

Mike Slade has returned with his 80ft record-holder Ocean Leopard, which swept round the island in 5hr 35min two years ago. The outright record of 3hr 55min, set by the British 60ft trimaran Paragon in 1986, may also be under threat from Stephen Fein's 30ft multihull Full Pelt and the Nigel Irens-designed Fritzzz Fratzzz, whose crew have sailed from Germany to compete.

Lawrie Smith and his crew took the Spanish yacht Fortuna, revamped for the Whitbread race, for a first test sail in the Solent late yesterday, Smith pronouncing her conversion to a ketch a success.

EURO-OLYMPIC REGATTA, HAYLING ISLAND (GB unless stated): Mistral Class (men), race 1: 1, A McIntosh (NZ); 2, W Tak Sum (HK). 3, T Roberson (GB). Race 2: 1, McIntosh; 2, Robinson; 3, Tak Sum. Mistral Class (women), race 1: 1, L Lai Shen (HK); 2, N Sturgess (Aus); 3, R Evans. Race 2: 1, Lai Shen; 2, Evans; 3, J Olaque. Europe class, race 1: 1, S Robertson; 2, J Singleton; 3, L Gehrken (Nor). Race 2: 1, Robertson; 2, Singleton; 3, Gehrken. Laser class, race 1: 1, G Kelly; 2, S Cole, 3, A Davis. Race 2: 1, M Littlejohn, 2, I Percy; 3, Cole. Laser 5000, race 1: 1, D Clark and H Calder; 2, M Jacques and S Mummery; 3, J Burnie and David McNamara. Race 2: 1, Jacques and Mummery; 2, Burnie and McNamara, 3, P Brotherton and D Parker. 470 Class, race 1: J Merricks and R Boardman; 2, V Brown and M Turner; 3, D Edwards and R Venning.

Driven bananas by wheeling and dealing

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

BENEATH the surface of an outwardly straightforward eleventh stage of the Milk Race yesterday lay a maze of plot and sub-plot, of intrigue and unholy alliance worthy of the Vatican itself.

The Norwegians v the Danes, amateurs v professionals, Nielson Tivoli v the Bananas, everyone v the Bananas. No wonder Keith Lambert, the manager of the Banana Energy Fruit team, was a little twitchy as the convoy set off in pouring rain for the 86-mile run across the Cheshire Plains to Salford Quays.

The race was almost won, but that did not ease the suspicion or the siege mentality of the long-time leaders.

"Bloody weather," Lambert said, with the feeling of a man who had been away from home too long. "There'll be some punctures today. All the grit gets washed across the road and sticks to the tyres. One or two won't fancy it, that's for sure." But at least there were no hills to upset the plans. It was a day for heavy duty tyres, defence and absolute caution.

Over the radio came news of the first, short-lived attack. A Belgian. "Cheeky swine," muttered Lambert in the Banana chase car. Shortly after, a more serious breakaway came — Rob Holden, inspired by the sight of his home town, and Frank Hoej, of Denmark.

The pair gradually pulled away from the main group but, as neither could threaten Chris Lillywhite's lead, Lambert was unperturbed. "If they get five minutes ahead, then we'll have to work," he said. But he went to have a word with the Australian, Shane Sutton, the team captain, and Lillywhite just to make sure they knew the score. They did.

Just before Chester, the bargaining began. The Norwegians, anxious to keep their 2½-minute lead over the Danes in the team event, offered their services to Lambert in a joint effort to pull back the two leaders. No deal.

"There's always some bartering going on," Lambert said. "Favours for favours. We can help them win the team prize, which is worth £1,000 to them, if they help us with the yellow jersey. It's part of the game."

It has even been known for money to change hands in mid-race as potential winners enlist the aid of the struggling amateurs. £100 here and there; favour for favour. The massive differential in prize-money — £10,000 for first, just £600 for sixth — encourages the moonlighting.

Lambert was having none of the haggling, anyway. As long as the two leaders stayed within range, he was happy to keep them there and make the others suffer for a change. "They've been difficult to us all week so it's nice to have some cards in our hand," he said.

"If we catch the leaders, there will be attacks coming from all over the place. Ideally, we will get them back about five miles from the finish."

Three of the Banana riders controlled the front of chasing group to block further breakaways. "We can put the screws on or ease off," he said.

At halfway, the Danish chase car pulled alongside, wanting to know why the Banana team was chasing so hard — "I think he's digging for a deal," Lambert said — and the Norwegian plans were thrown into disarray by a crash, which involved Ole Simonsen, their second-placed rider.

Aware of the problems behind, the Banana riders put on the pressure at the front, incensing a passing Danish rider who complained about the tactics and received a blunt Yorkshire response from Lambert.

The Danes had not understood that the rivalry between the British professional teams, Banana and Nielson-Tivoli, transcends any differences of nationality.

"I'm sick to the back teeth with the Bananas," Holden, of the Nielsen-Tivoli team, said. "They would rather see a foreigner win the stage than a British professional." But his team would have done exactly the same.

With five miles to go and the leaders caught, Lambert was hopeful that Lillywhite would win his first stage of the race, earn a 15-second bonus and reward his faithful team with an extra £1,000. "It would finish the others psychologically if he won this," he said.

But having been outmanoeuvred on the final bend, Lillywhite lost his place and finished sixth. Barring calamity on the final circuit stage in Manchester today, the British rider will still gain his reward for years of honest endeavour, emerging from the shadows to win his first Milk Race.

It would be a perfect end to all the wheeling and dealing.

Lillywhite leads into last day

CHRIS Lillywhite, earlier reticent to make a forecast about the outcome of the Milk Race, which ends in Manchester today, was at his most optimistic after yesterday's eleventh stage (Peter Bryan writes).

On hearing that he had retained his overall lead of 20 seconds in the 1,150-mile event, Lillywhite said: "I believe I can win — if I can avoid puncturing at a critical moment or getting involved in a crash."

Lillywhite's confidence stemmed from the way in which his Banana team had dominated the 86-mile run from Liverpool to Salford Quays and prevented any attacks from his key rivals becoming permanent.

There were few moments in the last 60 miles when his squad was not at the head of the *peloton*, setting a high tempo. Constant attacks in the first rain-soaked 30 minutes were negated, but no one other than Frank Hoej, of Denmark, reacted when Rob Holden, the prologue winner, went clear at Chester (14 miles), his home town. Hoej made contact after five miles and the pair formed a perfect partnership.

Of the two, Holden was the closest to Lillywhite on overall time, starting the day 3min 49sec in arrears. During the 66 miles the two were free, the lead never went beyond two minutes and, with just four and a half miles to go, they sat up, waiting to be absorbed.

Ole Simensen, lying second overall, crashed heavily after 28 miles, but the Norwegian pluckily changed his damaged front wheel, remounted and, with the help of his team rejoined the pack, and kept the deficit at 20 seconds.

He rode with a badly-gashed knee which required stitches later. Lillywhite looked to be set up for stage victory, and a 15-second bonus, but could not match the final burst of Jacek Mickiewicz, of Poland.

RESULTS: Stage 11 (Liverpool-Salford Quays, 85.6 miles): 1, J Mickiewicz (Pol), 3hr 6min 37sec; 2, M Brzen (Slov); 3, C Andersen (Den); 4, A Krzepowicz (Pol); 5, A Nadobenko (Kzz); 6, C Lillywhite (GB, Banana), all same time. Stage team: 1, Poland, 9:19:36; 2, Slovenia, at 5sec; 3, Denmark, at 7sec. Overall: 1, Lillywhite, 41:39:47; 2, O Simensen (Nor), at 20sec, 3, D Kovar (Cz), at 25; 4, A Kvilev (Kzz), at 30; 5, B Smith (GB, Banana), at 37; 6, C Henry (Ire), at 41; 7, N Mattan (Bel), at 45; 8, N van der Steen (Hol), at 48; 9, M Rendell (NZ), at 52; 10, M Stephens (GB Amateur), at 1:13. Overall team: 1, Norway, 124:48:27; 2, Denmark, at 2:23; 3, Denmark, at 4:02. Sprints classification: 1, Mickiewicz, 24pts; 2, Nadobenko, 15; 3, Smith, 12. King of the mountains: 1, M McKay (GB Amateur), 32pts; 2, R Romanik (Pol), 30; 3, A Mizourov (Kzz), 75. Points classification: 1, M van Steen (Hol), 72; 2, Lillywhite, 72; 3, G Rice (Aus), 59. Combine classification: 1, Smith, 21pts; 2, Nadobenko 41; 3, McKay 42. Other British placings overall: 16, McKay, at 2:51, 19, S Brey (Britannia), at 3:49; 20, R Holden (GB; Nielson-Tivoli), at 4:01; 30, I Wright (Britannia), at 9:02; 35, A Doyle (GB; Nielson-Tivoli), at 12:36; 38 W Randle (GB; Nielson-Tivoli) at 13:59
TODAY: Twelfth stage (circuit of Manchester, 50 miles): start 12.30, finish 2.45.

Dunwoody gains royal recognition

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

RICHARD Dunwoody's achievement in winning his first jump jockeys' championship, gained royal recognition yesterday when he was made an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, in which Harold Larwood, the former England cricketer, was similarly honoured. Dunwoody said yesterday: "I am shocked and stunned. It is a very great honour."

Dunwoody, 29, emulates Peter Scudamore and another former champion, John Francome, who are also MBEs. He not only took Scudamore's title this season but also his job with the trainer, Martin Pipe, when the former champion retired.

The snooker player, Stephen Hendry, a rare British success story amid the recent sporting calamities, is also made an MBE after winning his third world title last month. The Scot, 24, is halfway towards equalling Steve Davis's modern-day record of six world titles.

Ray Wilkins, the former England football captain, is made an MBE just two days after his country's humiliation at the hands of the United States. The Queens Park Rangers midfield player, 36, played the last of his 84 games for England six years ago.

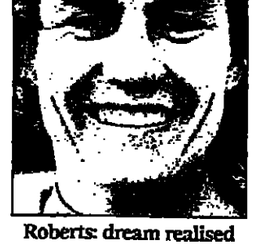
Also made MBEs were Sharon Rendle, the Olympic judo bronze medal winner, and Philippa Roberts, the ten-times British champion water skier.

Roberts said on hearing the news: "Just two more dreams to realise and then I can retire — a world title in Singapore this September and every athlete's dream — Olympic honours." Roberts is the only woman in the world's top ten for whom water skiing is not a full-time occupation. Her training is fitted around practice hours at her surgery.

Andy Roxburgh, the Scotland football manager, was made an OBE, which will be some consolation after seeing his country face almost certain elimination in its attempt to reach next year's World Cup finals.

An OBE also goes to Mickey Walker, captain of Europe's women golf team whose Solheim Cup victory over the United States was hailed as one of the sporting highlights of last year.

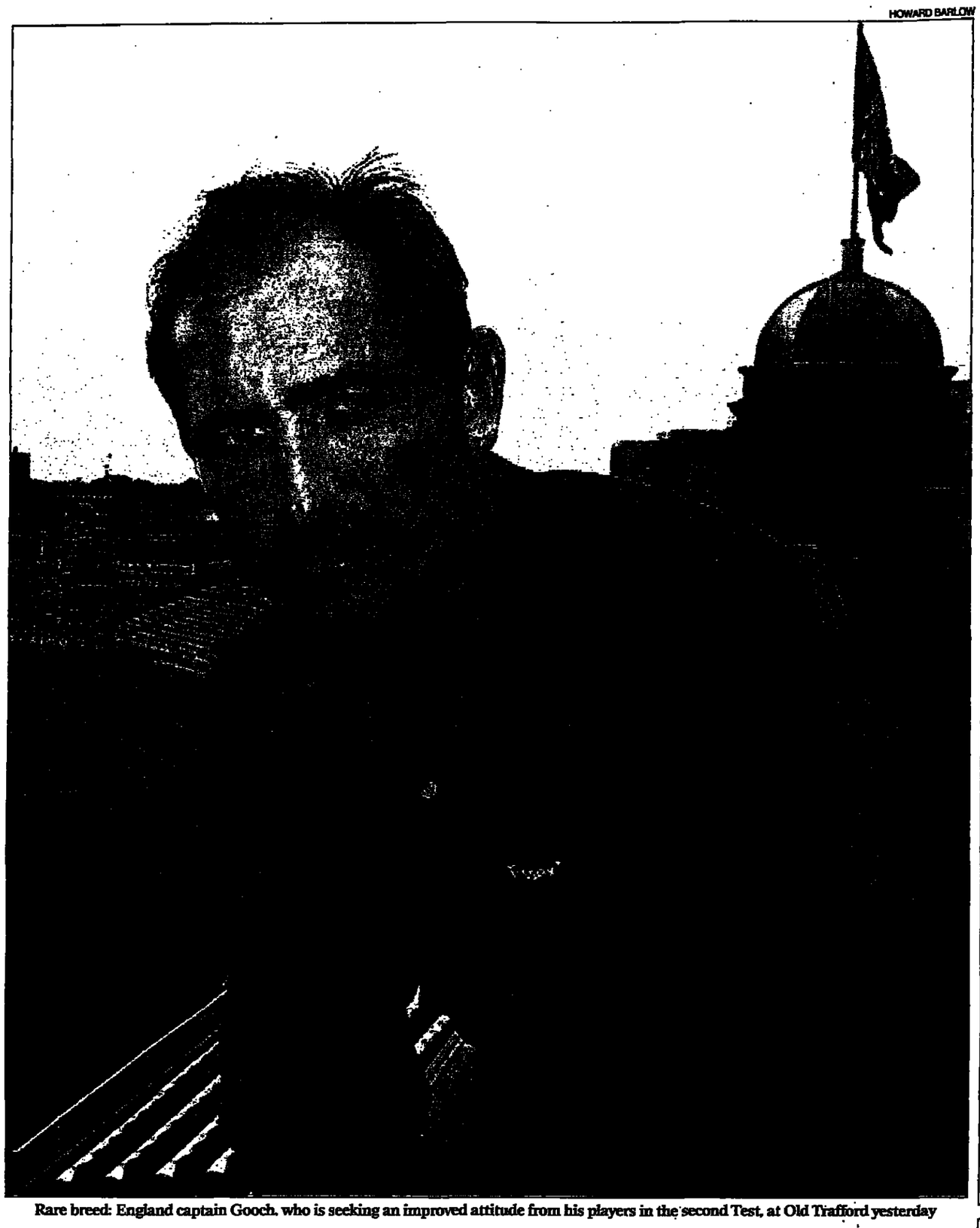
Eddie Kulukundis, who spent thousands of pounds of his own money nurturing budding athletics talent, is knighted, while the Sports Council vice-chairman, Professor Allan Patmore, is made a CBE.


Roberts: dream realised

Gooch attacks English malaise

England's captain voices his concern at his team's defeatism on the eve of selection for the second Test, Alan Lee reports

HOWARD BARLOW



Rare breed: England captain Gooch, who is seeking an improved attitude from his players in the second Test, at Old Trafford yesterday

REAPPOINTMENT as England's cricket captain in the face of persistent defeat has offered Graham Gooch a job security for which other national leaders would give much this week. But to Gooch there is no satisfaction to be had from being the indispensable captain of a badly-holed ship.

Gooch was disappointed and bewildered by elements of England's performance in the first Test against Australia. It conflicted with everything he stands for, everything on which his leadership depends. This evening Gooch and his fellow selectors will discuss the party for the second Test at Lord's next week; yesterday he spoke of his concern at the ills of English cricket, of his own reaffirmed role as captain and of his future.

Losing will always hurts Gooch. But, as he might say, better to have fought and lost than never to have fought at all, which was the regrettable impression left by some of those who played at Old Trafford as the Ashes series opened.

"It is not that people don't try," Gooch said. "Nobody sets out to lose. But we have reached a stage where it is being accepted far too easily. We have had a bad trot and if a game begins to drift, as it did at Old Trafford, I can sense players thinking they have seen it all before and just going through the motions."

"I have wondered whether it is me, whether I am to blame for being unable to motivate them properly. But, really, no one should need motivating to play for England. It should mean as much to them as it does to me. It should mean everything.

"I am not interested in the kudos of captaining England. It has no appeal for me. My motivation is winning, doing my best as a player and getting other people to compete. If I can't do that, there is no point in me doing the job.

"I have a way of doing things, which has worked for Essex and didn't exactly fail for England. But I can't bat and bowl for the others. They have to do their bit and they have to want to win as much as I do."

On Thursday, Gooch was briefly aware of the same, complacent syndrome afflicting Essex as they toiled in the field against Lancashire. "I called them all together and told them that we were looking more like also-rans than county champions. They responded well."

He believes that four-day championship cricket will help eventually to focus players, eliminating the workaday feel which has taken the edge off so many. But he knows it is a deep-rooted malaise.

"The thing which worries me more than anything about English cricket is the lack of mental fibre. It doesn't matter enough when things go badly. There is an attitude that there will always be another day. That is what is wrong with our game, where we are failing to compete with teams like Australia, for whom every game is special.

"It would have been valuable to save the Test on Monday, for the psychological lift it would have given us. And, really, we should have saved it. We have the talent. All it needed was for somebody to hang around and make 50 or 60."

Gooch himself made 133, batting with a vitality which put others to shame. He is aware how well he played, aware too, that it secured him the captaincy for the rest of the summer and lifted the pressure on him to drop down the order. "It is a fickle world, and the knives would have been out for me if I had failed."

His batting recalled less fraught times and Gooch gives much of the credit for his positive outlook to a chance meeting with Sir Garfield Sobers. "I found myself sitting opposite him at a benefit dinner. I told him I was struggling a bit and he said I should not worry, just remind myself that I was a top player and go out and play my shots.

"It sparked off something in me, something I carried into the game. He is right, too, because if you are not positive, you cannot be in the frame of mind to put away the half-volley."

Batting rhythm is an obsession for Gooch, more than it has been with any Englishman since Boycott. This year, he has enlisted Alan Lilley, one of the Essex coaching staff, as his personal aid. "I feel I need individual attention to reassure me that I am preparing properly. Alan doesn't coach me in terms of trying to change anything, but he knows me well and can see if I am moving as I should be. Players have their own coaches in other sports, like golf and tennis, and it helps me to have him around."

Six weeks short of his fortieth birthday, Gooch knows his limitations. "I am still physically fit, but my mobility is not what it was and my fielding has suffered," he said. "I don't go running as I used to, because I need to preserve my energy, but I have started a daily flexibility programme specially made up for me.

"I want to go on playing as long as I can, but my role will begin to alter. Pretty soon, I will stop opening for Essex and bat in the middle order. It will be easier for me and will give the county a chance to try someone new. But timing is everything and I was intent on opening this year, because if I had not, it would have given out the wrong messages and people would have assumed I was on my last legs."

If, with his familiar shuffle, it sometimes looks that way, Gooch continues to confound with his enthusiasm. He is adamant he will not make the tour of West Indies this winter and, in hindsight, might accept that he made a mistake in going to India. But England will not discard him lightly, not only because he remains the country's best batsman but because he is by nature a winner, a rare breed in the modern English game.

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The final day of the Australians' match with Warwickshire at Edgbaston was washed out yesterday, dealing a blow to the touring team's hopes of capturing the jackpot prize of £50,000 from Tetley Bitter for winning ten of their 14 games against the counties. They have won four of their six matches to date. Their next match is against Gloucestershire at Bristol starting today.

Sixty years on, Larwood made MBE

By John Woodcock

ON HAROLD Larwood's mantelpiece in the sitting-room of his little house in Kingsford, a suburb of Sydney, are many mementoes. There is a silver ashtray, beautifully polished, with the inscription "To Harold for the Ashes — From a grateful skipper, 1932-33". There are half-a-dozen mounted cricket balls and a picture of Larwood meeting a top-hatted King George V at Trent Bridge in 1928.

The book beside his chair is *The Fight for the Ashes*, given to him by its author, P. F. Warner, for his splendid bowling as the youngest member of the team in England's famous victory over Australia at the Oval in 1926. Now, at the age of 88, comes an MBE to hang on the wall, and he will treasure that too.

Larwood is best remembered for the part he played in the Bodyline series between England and Australia, in Australia, 60 years ago. He was the spearhead of a campaign, conceived and conducted by Douglas Jardine and so ruthlessly executed that Australia threatened to leave the Commonwealth. The idea, initially, was to stop Don Bradman making 300 every time he went in, simply by aiming at the batsman's ribs and positioning half-a-dozen short legs to catch the self-protective jab.

It was a lamentable episode, there can be no doubt about that. Larwood, however, considers the modern game, as played by recent West Indian sides, to be a lot more dangerous than the "leg theory", as he insists upon calling it, of 1932-33. "When I hear the commentators today saying 'Oh, what a beautiful bouncer, it only just missed the batsman's head,' I wonder what the game has come to. I might sometimes have bowled at the batsman's ribs, but never at his head."

Although only 28 at the time of the last Test of that tour, and still far and away England's best fast bowler, Larwood never played for England again. The reasons for that were partly political, partly social and partly personal. When his name came up for selection he would just have been talked into saying or writing something controversial. But he was really more of a catalyst than a culprit.

That he emigrated to Australia in 1948 came out of a conversation with Jack Fingleton, Australian cricketer and journalist, during the Australian tour to England of that year. "By gee, I'd like to settle in Australia," said Larwood to Fingleton. And soon afterwards he did so. Of Larwood's five daughters — he had no sons — one lives in Queensland, another in Sydney and another keeps a shop in Canberra. He still barracks for England, but he has no regrets that he made his home in Australia.

Last year he enjoyed a long telephone conversation



Larwood: heart of oak

with John Major, who keeps a picture of Larwood and Jack Hobbs in his office, and has ensured that Larwood has received overdue recognition.

Not until long after Larwood finished playing were services to cricket recognised other than by a very occasional knighthood (Sir Frederick Toone, Sir Francis Lacey, Sir Henry Leveson-Gower, Sir Pelham Warner) and he would hardly have qualified for one had it been different. In the 1950s CBEs, OBEs and MBEs began to be dished out, some retrospectively, as now in the case of a great fast bowler, an English yeoman and a thorn in Australia's side. Would that we had just one like him today, a miner with a heart of oak.

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Keeping up football's appearances

ENGLISH footballers are not only terrible at playing football, they also have the world's worst haircuts. I have this on the highest possible authority — *GQ* magazine, no less, the men's magazine for cool dudes in suits. The August edition, I can exclusively reveal, will contain a brief but barbed history of the footballing haircut, starting with the Seventies and the era of the soccer sideburn when any footballer cutting the mustard wore whiskers that made him look as if he was on the phone.

There is a pause for thought over the post-sideburn bubbles-cut of the Hambourgeois Kevin Keegan ("really did his Christian name justice") before we move with tragic inevitability to Chris Waddle and his various bet-winning trips to the barber.

Thus far, the footballing haircuts of the Nineties have had little to commend them. The no-hair haircut seems to be the one on, as it were, the cutting edge, with Vinny Jones as its greatest exemplar — "a haircut worth a few disciplinary points" — but, clearly, if England wants to rule the world of football again, footballers must work on their priorities and perfect the haircuts first.

Kevin Campbell, with the racehorse-bum look, and Tony Daley, with the slipping duvet, clearly have the right idea, but we need to go further. Set your sights high, lads! Valderama, Higuita, Socrates, Cannigia, Vialli, Baggio and, of course, the sublime M'Bouh M'Bouh. There is a world to conquer and if our lads cannot do it with stylish feet, surely they can do it with stylish heads.

Perfect stage

There are three countries in the bidding to stage the 1994 athletics World Cup. This column is supporting the bid of Angola. Should they win, as surely they must, they will add some new twists to world athletics. They do not actually possess an athletics track. Should Angola's bid be, for some unaccountable reason, turned down, the second-best option is clearly Fiji. Fiji has a track but no athletes. The islanders are wonderful rugby players, but, at the last World Cup, they failed to get a single athlete into the Oceania team. This is not the toughest team in the world to get into, either. The third choice is this country: the subtropical paradise of Sheffield.



SIMON BARNES
Sporting Diary

Form guide

An LBC listener phoned in the other night with the sad news that he had wagered a sum of money at 50-1 against England's football team to win the World Cup. He checked the odds after the match against the United States — and found that England's odds had been slashed to 33-1. Good to know that at least one person was impressed by our boys.



Moving the goalposts

I learn to my horror that Scottish clubs have been ordered to redesign the goals to make life harder for their goalies. Last season, a Dundee player whacked one past the Partick goalie, but when the ball entered the goal, it hit a steel stanchion and rebounded into play. The ref waved play on, a perfectly good decision as any goalkeeper, Scot or not, will tell you. But the Scottish FA agreed this week that steel stanchions must be done away with: guy ropes and tent-poles must be used instead. It is heart-breaking news, but let us be positive. The back-pass rule has, after all, given Scottish goalies vast new areas in which to demonstrate their finest traditions.

☐ *As footballing directors continue to wrangle in the High Court, in Italy they prefer direct action. A recent full-blooded — and I used the term advisedly — relegation battle in Serie C1 between Ischia and Messina ended with the president of Messina accused of knifing one of the opposing players. Francesco Corsini needed three stitches in a wound in his thigh and accused Giovanni Massino of pulling a knife and stabbing him. Police raided the Messina dressing-room and found a serrated kitchen knife and a Czech pistol. "We were the injured parties," Massino said. All Messina did was to display "passive resistance". Messina stayed up, Ischia went down.*

Camping out

Greetings to Penryn Athletic, who recently made an overseas tour to the Scillies, where they have the world's smallest football league: it has two teams. The Penryn party, 30 of them, had been staying in three tents, placed, perhaps inadvisedly, high on Garrison Hill. The recent unseasonable storms ripped two of the tents out and blew them into the Atlantic. Penryn spent the fag-end of the tour in the unholy intimacy of a single remaining tent.

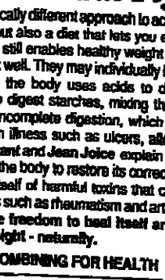
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Eastern fount of English water gardens

Fountains and cascades, pools and lakes — **George Plumptre** celebrates water gardens, from ancient Egypt to 20th-century England

Water adds an intangible magic that has captivated garden-makers for centuries. Since the time of the ancient Egyptians, it has provided an unbroken theme that unifies the practical and the symbolic: water introduces life to a garden and the extra dimensions of movement, reflection and sound. This is true the world over: Confucius wrote "the wise find joy in water; the benevolent find joy in mountains", and the Chinese garden has always focused on creating harmony between these two essential elements.

For garden-makers during the Italian Renaissance water introduced the ingenuity and bravado of fountains and cascades to enliven architecture. The results encapsulated the spirit of the age, perfected at the Villa d'Este and the Villa Lante. Nearly a century later it was the great canals, basins and fountain groups which gave the gardens of France the imposing grandeur, and the suggestion of man's control over nature, to which Louis XIV and his court aspired.

During the 20th century, these and many other themes have been gathered together, with the significant development of harmony between water and plants epitomised by the gardens of Shute House in Wiltshire. Created during the 1970s by Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe, in partnership with Shute's owners, Michael and Lady Anne Tree, the garden exemplifies the vitality and extra dimension that water gives a landscape.

The picture on the right shows the series of descending cascades and formal pools which are the most ingenious feature of Sir Geoffrey's design. Here, the passage of water is controlled and married with ebullient planting; it is, however, just one aspect of the garden's success in adapting the existing plentiful supply of water to a varied design. Romantic woodland pools fed by natural springs are preserved alongside the new features. This balance of the natural and the man-made is intrinsic to the garden's appeal.

The inspiration for the formal pools and low bubble-fountains came from the Mogul gardens of Kashmir. As in all Islamic gardens, the pool or basin constantly brimming and replenished was a symbol of abundance and coolness. In the intense arid heat of Persia, where the Islamic garden originated, these qualities, as well as the softening effect of water and its provision of sound, became fundamental features of the Islamic garden as it spread as far as Spain and India.

The Islamic or Mogul is just one of a number of influences that are discernible in the treatment of water at Shute House. These influences have played an important part in English water gardens from the earliest times. But at the same time, the garden demonstrates clearly that the particular quality in English gardens of all periods has been the ability to adapt such influences and mould them into existing natural surroundings.

William Kent, who inspired the arched grottoes at the end of a formal canal at Shute, demonstrated this in his work during the early 18th century. At Rousham House in Oxfordshire his design of the Venus Vale, where water descends through a series of formal pools over cascades, and statues of Venus, Pan and other mythological figures are reflected in the water, clearly evokes the spirit of classical Italian gardens. And yet by retaining the natural surroundings and using the gentle curve of the River Cherwell as the garden's boundary, Kent showed that his design was not imitation but a classical ideal transposed to the English countryside.

Kent's classical allegories would not have been possible without the water features he created with unfailing ingenuity in all his gardens. Coming immediately after him, and taking the English landscape on to a previously unimagined scale, "Capability" Brown's work was similarly dependent on water. At the height of his career, he had refined his landscapes into a simple, majestic fusion of trees, parkland grass and water — the latter often in great expanses, which he created by a variety of engineering sleights of hand, such as damming or diverting streams, or draining marshy ground. The end results were invariably impressive, nowhere more so than at Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire, where it is hard to imagine that the huge lake balancing the scale of John Vanbrugh's majestic bridge was created from an insignificant stream flowing through the bridge's central span.

Brown demonstrated that water was the vital element for the English landscape garden at its grandest. During the following century, the Victorians used it in complicated and ornate fountains to bring motion to the vast formal parterres they laid out. It is in English gardens of the 20th century, however, that water's ability to provide both a background and a foil for planting has been best demonstrated.

At Shute House, the lush mixture of foliage and flowers, all revelling in the damp soil, clothes both sides of the descending cascades to perfection. The water and the planting are mutually enhancing in almost limitless ways; for instance, water can add sound and movement to an area of rich planting, and the planting can add the extra dimension of reflection in a still surface.

HUGH PALMER



Naturally artful: the series of descending cascades and formal pools that are part of the ingenious design by Geoffrey Jellicoe at Shute House, in Wiltshire

As any gardener who has planted around water knows, what might look ordinary in a border or open glade is immediately elevated by a waterside setting. The simplest of combinations of plants and water provide abiding images, none more so than the foliage and flowers of water-lilies on a motionless surface, a combination that has endured from the earliest gardens of ancient Egypt.

The balance of foliage and flowers is instantly heightened by waterside planting. A mixture of luscious hosta and spiky iris leaves enlivened by the deep colours of lilies, agapanthus or primulas is a seductive mixture for the edges of a stream or of a pool. And how well the creators of some of the ambitious gardens of the 19th century understood that the planting of brilliantly coloured rhododendrons is immeasurably enhanced by a waterside position, which doubles the visual effect of the blooms by reflecting a great bank of colour. Sheffield Park in Sussex is a supreme example.

Today, few people garden on such an expansive scale, and the great architectural flourishes of the past are to be admired rather than copied. But one of the joys of water is its adaptability to any size or scale, from the smallest pool or basin to river or lake. Because of water's symbolic quality and its ability to stir the imagination, the addition of a miniature pool or wall fountain as the centrepiece of carefully chosen plants in even the smallest garden can evoke the same sensations as similar features in a larger landscape.

The contemporary garden has become a place for living and for the enjoyment — actual or suggested — of the natural world. At no time has the presence of water in gardens been able to provide greater satisfaction or reward. Small children may not be able to appreciate the beauties of a rose garden or herbaceous border, but the memory of a duck's nest discovered among the plants along a stream or the visit of a heron to a garden pool will provide lasting memories and appreciation of such gardens.

● *George Plumptre is the author of* The Water Garden *(photographs by Hugh Palmer, published by Thames & Hudson, £24.95).*

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Price of fame is eternal reminiscence

WEEKEND VOICE: Mary Killen

As a little girl I lived for the moment when I would be old enough to go to London and meet pop stars. I could always have worked as a secretary in the so-called "music industry" had I been really zealous, but by the time I was of working age, I was no longer so desperate.

Nevertheless I came to London, but despite living there for 15 years, I have only ever met two of my childhood idols, and in each case I spontaneously resumed my childish persona instead of acting naturally.

Here I am in 1993, still modelling my personal appearance on that of Marianne Faithfull and, on one particular evening, my drinking habits on her former ones. I looked across an uncrowded room to see Mick Jagger coming into focus only a few feet away. He was talking to someone I knew quite well, with an empty seat temptingly between them.

I blinked blandly — or thought I did — as I considered what to do, then reasoned that in the normal course of events I would automatically have joined Mick's interlocutor at this point of the evening, had he not been sitting with a world-famous man. Where others would have ignored Mick out of inverted social ambition, I decided to show positive discrimination and lurched towards their table. I had spent so many girl-years daydreaming about him and the glory which would accrue to me on our marriage that I felt a duty to be excited, if only out of allegiance to my childish self.

The trouble, I found, with someone as famous as Mick Jagger is that it is hard to know what to say to him.

I smiled serenely (like Marianne Faithfull) as I silently rehearsed a few gambits, before dismissing them as clichés. Neither did I wish to appear to know a creepy amount about him — "I hear you've just finished an album/come back from Mustique", etc — as I thought it would be a bit stalky.

Then, in the 15 minutes with a famous person that you have on average, you want to précis yourself, as it were. You already know them, but they know nothing about you and will not have the time or inclination to find out, having already got too many people on their "books". How could I best present the essence of my most acceptable aspects?

Then I decided I would tell a sequence of anecdotes about the 1960s, which I felt he was sure to find amusing. I cannot now remember which ones I told him as the rest of the evening went into something of a blur.

The following morning my friend Jo Farrell rang up and asked incredulously: "What were you talking about to Mick Jagger? You were sitting with him for ages."

"Oh, I don't really remember," I drawled. "I had such bad jet-lag, and the waiters just kept filling up my glass."

"Oh well," said Jo, "as long as it wasn't about the 1960s. Apparently everyone talks to him about the 1960s because they presume he'll be really interested, and of course he hates it because it implies he hasn't done anything since."

The trouble with famous people is that you do not know whether to acknowledge from the beginning that they are famous or not, or allow it to come out in conversation. My husband does not suffer from this.

"So," he said to Paul Jones, former lead singer of of Manfred Mann, "you obviously made your stash in the 1960s and invested it wisely?"

He saw Cat Stevens at the Festival for Mind and Body a few years ago manning the "Muslim" stand.

"My name is Yusef Islam . . .," he began earnestly.

"Pull the other one, Cat," said my husband. "I've got all your albums."

When I eventually met Gary Leeds of the Walker Brothers, I decided to pretend not to know who he was as I thought this might make him think I liked him in his own right rather than because through girlhood I had had his photograph stuck to my bedroom wall.

What had happened was that a friend from Paris had come to stay, bringing a present for me of a paper boiler suit. Unlikely as it may sound, it was the most flattering garment I have ever owned. It was white with tiny pencil blue stripes and looked rather like a nurse's uniform in a science fiction film. From the front I looked fabulous but from the back . . . regrettably the outline was too hulking. This defect could be masked however by the wearing of a white surgical jacket that I had bought in a jumble sale.

I saw Gary Leeds going to the loo in a nightclub and stalked him by pretending to be using a broken telephone in the corridor outside. As he emerged I was able to ask if he could help me. "Seems to be broken," he said. Then: "Why are you dressed like that?" "I'm a doctor," I found myself lying. Well, I only had a matter of seconds to make an impact. It was the 1970s and I was still fairly juvenile at the time. "Wow, not just a pretty face then. Come and have a drink. I wanted to be a doctor myself . . ."

I deserved the humiliation when I was unmasked.

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The Disney empire has conquered continents, but in France there is a home-grown rival. Both have much to offer

Take the Mickey with a little Gaul

In France, **Paul Hoggart** finds Asterix fighting back against the theme-park hegemony of the Americans. For the children it just means twice as much fun

Asterix is a French national icon. General de Gaulle, a devotee, was asked by the creators to begin his speeches, "Français, Françaises, Goscinny, Uderzo" because they supplied half the national tax revenue.

The stories are a metaphor for post-war Europe, where eccentric neighbouring tribes make common cause (or not) against barrel-chested, eagle-emblazoned American officers — sorry, Roman centurions. So it is appropriate that the Parc Asterix sits in a mistletoe-laden forest, 20 miles up the A1 from the Paris *périphérique* and just over 30 from the most potent symbol of American cultural penetration.

Actually, Steve Burke, Euro Disney's vice-president, is not at all worried by his small French rival. Parc Asterix is a tenth the size of Euro Disney, with a tenth the visitor turnover.

"It's like comparing a Rolls Royce with a . . ." I did not catch the model, but I suppose it had wheels. He had seen the odd bit of litter, unthinkable at Euro Disney, where my son's spilt popcorn spent all of 30 seconds on the ground and they pick the cigarette ends out of the tram lines. He had walked in, meeting only one staff member: Euro Disney swarms with cast members eager to greet and assist.

In fact, by British standards, the Parc Asterix is pristine, and we met five staff on our way in. The two in Asterix and Obelix costumes duly posed with the children. The service was efficient and friendly, and it is much more imaginatively "themed" than anything I have seen in Britain.

Where Euro Disney constructs flawless fantasy, Parc Asterix is refreshingly tongue-in-cheek. Uderzo, the surviving partner of the pair (Goscinny died in 1977), did much of the design and incorporated jokes like those in the books. Wooden "petrol pumps" offer hay — "*super*" or "*sans plomb*". On the rapids of the *Descente du Styx*, your rubber boat bumps past a tasteful replica of an Assyrian hunting frieze, except that the bearded charioteers are chasing crocodiles running on their hind legs and covered in sticking plasters.

There are "arty" touches, too. A huge Roman bust dominates the square in front of the Gladiators' Arena and in the *Fastes de Rome* hamburger bar, sculpted segments of human bodies emerge from the white walls. (They serve wild-boar "burgers" here.) The piped music includes Breton folk tunes.

A reconstruction of Paris through the ages is the stage for various live shows, including a swashbuckling musketeer sword-fight, and for shops selling a terrifying variety of toy swords and armour. Other attractions include Roman gladiators and Getafix's magic show. The *Delphinarium* (seals and dolphins) was inventive.



Gallic greeting: Obelix and Asterix

At Euro Disney, breathtaking effects are everything. Pirates of the Caribbean and Star Tours are stunning, and the Phantom Manor has a ghostly Baroness Thatcher lookalike presiding over a spectral banquet. Apart from the Thunder Mountain roller-coaster, "white-knuckle" rides do not feature.

Parc Asterix, however, offers some serious thrills. The park is dominated by an artificial mountain with a giant Asterix perched on top. *Le Grand Splatch* water-splash takes full advantage of its height. There is a stomach-churning swinging galley and the *pièce de résistance*, the *Goudurix*.

It took me all day to muster the courage for this. The largest roller-coaster in Europe, it has seven complete loops. After the excruciating initial plunge, centrifugal force pushes you into your seat, and I felt safe enough to peek at the spinning universe through narrow slits between my eyelids.

The name, a play on "taste of rice", presumably refers to the sudden reappearance of your last meal.

Comparisons are onerous, and my young children (eight, five and two) resolutely refused to say which park they preferred. They adored both, which either means that they are completely undiscriminating or that Parc Asterix has made a much smaller budget go a very long way.

Euro Disney *is* phenomenal. The famously dire queues are a lot shorter in low season (and in the evenings), but with peripheral attractions such as Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show and the sumptuous "character breakfasts", you need plenty of time and money to do it justice.

But the Rolls Royce comparison is harsh. It is more like the difference between a gigantic knickerbocker glory and a good home-made sorbet. If, like mine, your children love Asterix, you really should try the sorbet.

En route

- The author travelled by Hoverspeed SeaCat (Folkestone-Boulogne) and returned by hovercraft (Calais-Dover).
- Parc Asterix has its own exit between junctions 7 and 8 on the Autoroute du Nord (A1). Adults (12 and over) FFr150; children FFr105.
- Euro Disney is on the Autoroute de l'Est (A4). Adults (12 and over) FFr250; children FFr150.
- The author stayed at the Sequoia Lodge at Euro Disney (071-753 2900).



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Catering for the very young: Minnie Mouse's smart home in Toontown is shamefully pre-feminist and centres on cooking in the kitchen

Disney calls a new Toon

Nicholas Wapshott tries out Toontown, Disneyland's attempt to entertain children who are too young to enjoy the spectacular adult attractions

I was lying submerged in a large pool of plastic hazelnuts the size of cricket balls. From out of sight, a stranger lobbed nuts at me. I returned the fire. Light plastic balls are difficult to aim, particularly from a recumbent position, but I scored quite well, judging by the yelps from my hidden opponent.

I am hardly a sporty person, but I found I was enjoying myself, in a careless, aimless sort of way, and wondered whether my two young sons back home would enjoy the game as much.

To explain. I was in California for the opening party for Toontown, a new section of Disneyland designed for children too small to enjoy the adult rides. Safety legislation being what it is, the more exciting — and thereby dangerous — attractions in theme parks have a height gauge at the entrance: if you don't make the line you could slide under the ride's safety bar. (Height guidelines also work the other way, to keep older children off rides for the very small.)

American theme parks have been targeting the very small lately. In the past, tots were restricted to sedate roundabouts and stately train rides. In recent years the rides, even for tiny children, have become more thrilling. In the Great America Park by San José, about 30 miles south of San Francisco, as in many others, there is a small big-dipper which, say my fear-loving children, is some compensation for not being allowed on the vertiginous switchback.

The Disney empire is founded on catering for the tastes of the very young. Mickey Mouse cartoons and the full-length animations are primarily for children, though they have the added commercial value of making adults awestruck. Yet when it came to creating Disney theme parks, small children were largely ignored. For example, Mickey cartoons can be seen only in the Main Street USA section of Disney parks, and in black and white at that. Very small children can go on Peter Pan's Flight and watch the animatronic musical bears, but even these are designed for older children. The ride meant for the kindergarten kids is the monotonous merry-go-round It's A Small, Small, Small, Small World, which after about three minutes becomes a genuine danger to mental health.

Above all, the thing small children want is to bump into Mickey or Donald Duck or Dopey (Disney staff dressed as them) and shake hands; yet that is rare and unpredictable.

Toontown is meant to redress all that. Here, in a special section of the park, the original cartoon heroes and heroines can be found all the time, wandering around and welcoming young children.

Each character's home is a thinly disguised piece of nursery play equipment. Donald's house, shaped like a boat, of course, is what the Americans call a jungle gym — or what the British call, humourlessly, an adventure playground.

The bath of plastic balls in which I found myself was at the base of the tree-house belonging to Chip 'n' Dale, the two chipmunks who make Donald's life so miserable. Minnie Mouse's home — it seems she no longer lives with Mickey — is shamefully pre-feminist and centres on cooking in the kitchen.

Pride of place is given to Mickey's house, decorated in gaudy pastel colours and furnished with oversized sofas, radios and keepsakes. Out in the backyard can be found perhaps the most ingenious part of Toontown, Mickey's film studio. Here, amid carefully rehearsed mayhem, each child is guaranteed to meet the most famous face in the world.

I look forward to test-driving Toontown with my children when we are next in the West, though I wonder whether it is yet worth enduring the hell of Los Angeles merely for them to clamber over disguised climbing equipment and slide down camouflaged helter-skelters.

Thanks to video, my boys, aged three and five, are conversant with Disney studio history, from the first *Merry Melodies* to *Beauty and the Beast* — even the Bahreinis have not yet got round to pirating *Aladdin* — and would spot most of the trademark references on which the park is based.

But Disneyland is not really for the very small, and the brilliantly executed rides are too sophisticated for any child under, say, seven; better if they are ten or 11 or more.

What Toontown is really about is pleasing the younger members of a large family while the older ones are doing the other parts of Disneyland. So maybe for a few years I shall stick to the non-branded, cheaper theme parks and glorious old seafront fairgrounds.

Passport to Disneyland

☐ The author flew to Los Angeles with Delta, Disney's official airline. Delta's holiday programme, Delta Dream vacations (operated by Hermis Travel, 071-731 3979), offers seven nights' accommodation at the Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, from £699 per person, based on two adults sharing, and includes return flight and car hire. Prices for children start at £198.
☐ Tickets to Disneyland can be bought in advance from the Disney Store, 140 Regent Street, London W1 (071-287 6558): a two-day "passport" costs £33.65 per adult, £26.92 per child. Alternatively, tickets can be bought on arrival at Disneyland.

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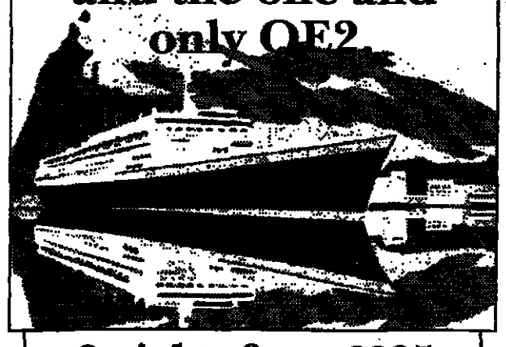
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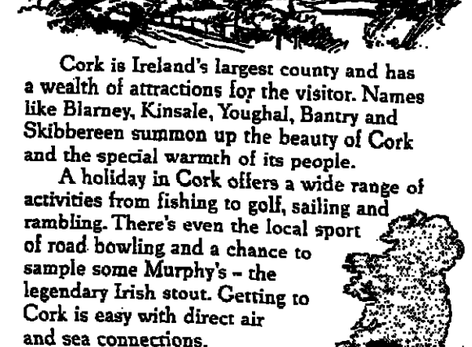
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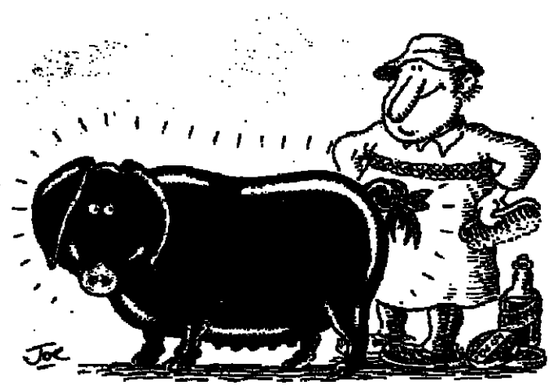
I made a rare appearance at our county show this week. In past years, I have not exactly gone out of my way to avoid it, but have always felt I had better things to get on with. Many of these shows are becoming like our high streets; see one and you have seen them all. There is acre after acre of farm machinery so huge that it gives me a headache to think of the number of horses you would need to pull it; and the hats and frocks which congregate round ponies polished to such a finish that it is a wonder they do not slip on themselves have me pulling my flat cap hard down and heading for the hills.

But this year our county show did stage something so remarkably different that I was persuaded to attend, complete with our cart-horse, Blue. They held a cavalcade of vintage horse-dawn implements all pulled by Suffolk Punches; a circus of Suffolks, with their rich chestnut colourings filling the show-ring like treacle in a tin.



I had a couple of hours to kill and was inevitably drawn to the livestock. It is a humbling experience for a man who considers himself to be a less than average farmer to come eye to eye with stock of such magnificence. I never knew cows could be brushed till they dazzled; or that bulls could be fed to such mighty proportions and still be led placidly by a girl who looks as though she weighs less than one of their eyelids. Nor, thankfully, does Alice, our Large Black sow, know that black pigs can be burnished till they gleam like the bonnet of a hearse. Alice, like me, has always preferred to wallow in her homely mire rather than brave the county-show circuit.

Anyway, I have never been convinced that looks alone are a measure of anything when it comes to farm animals. On our farm, willingness to co-operate is more valuable than all the silver cups ever made; but stock never seems to be judged on that basis. For example, our old horse, Star, looks a fright in the summer. He suffers from a common equine complaint called "sweet-itch": an allergy to midge bites causing afflicted horses to rub themselves, sometimes till they are raw. Of course, we treat him (there is no absolute cure); but despite his affliction he never fails to obey the commands to "stand-still-ol' hoss" even if in the midst of a swarm of his tormentors. Even when dying to



rub to alleviate his irritation he will still walk staight and true down the rows of mangelwurzels, drawing the hoe. But there are no prizes for valour, only looks.

Being at a show is a heady experience and a small farmer can get carried away, because everything at shows is run as if it were a division of EuroDisney; straw is never allowed to become stale and discoloured, droppings are whisked away by stockmen with the swiftness of a parlour maid clearing the tea tray. In the rings the grass is tended and manicured and every weed banished. There are no clumps of nettles growing round rusty old ploughs, no forgotten and rotten bales of straw, no escaped chickens stealing the corn, no cats having kittens in the milk-churn.

Carried along by these fairytale sights, I imagined myself to be the complete gentleman farmer, like the ones with the bowler hats and badges who are in charge of these events. I would have an elderly but faithful old stockman, probably called Arthur, and in my perfect world he would come up to the "big house" in March to discuss my plans for the year's showing. It would become a tradition that I would offer Arthur a glass of sherry, but that would be the limit of our familiarity.

"Have Alice ready for the Royal," I would ask him. Arthur would then do nothing else for the next four months but bring her to the peak of porcine perfection. Of course, I would collect the cups and the prize-money, which would go to pay for Arthur's sherry the following year.

I was brought to my senses by the clock and, taking on the identity of a somewhat less able Arthur myself, I took a brush to Blue, noticing how much less shiny he looked than all the others.

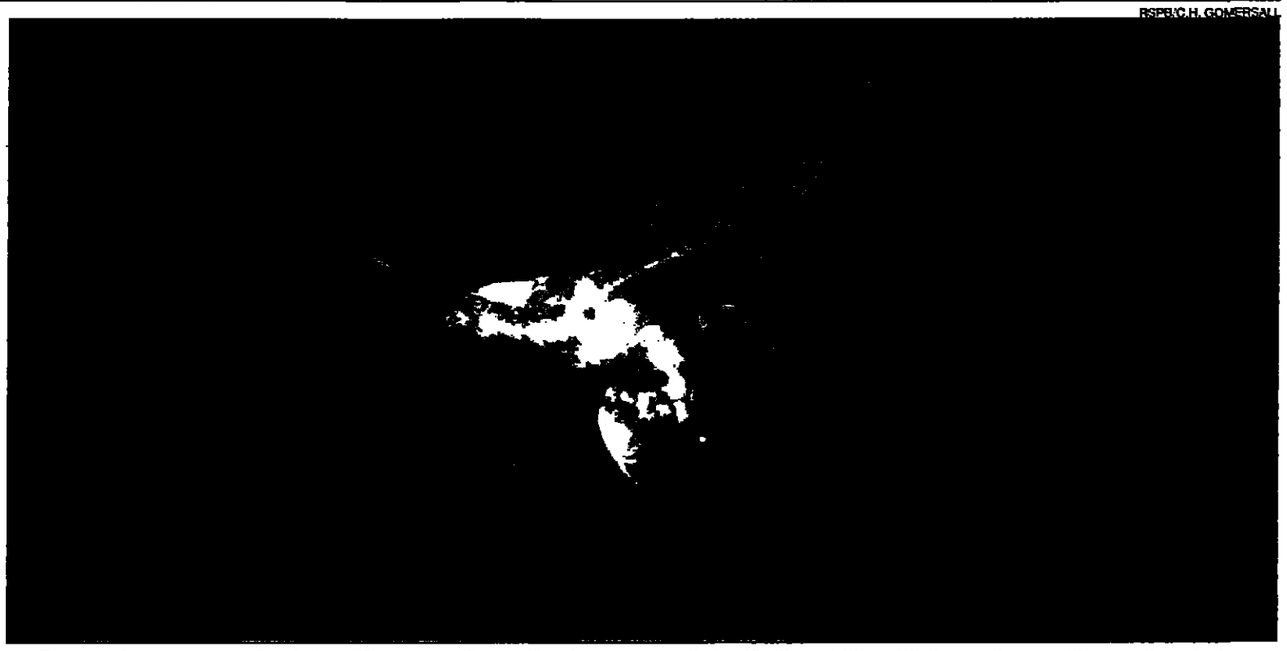
"Won anything?" asked a voice over the stable door. "No," I replied, "and I haven't lost anything either." The chap looked at me, decided he knew me and then, with a beguiling mixture of insult and compliment, announced: "You may be one o' them TV chaps but your pair of hosses don't half pull steady."

That was sufficient prize for us that day. Or any day.

Ospreys show their talons for survival

After 20 years of osprey-watching, **Jim Crumley** is still utterly bewitched — and occasionally baffled

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Grace and danger: once the victim of human predators, the elegant osprey is itself a fierce killer with sharp talons and immaculate timing

Ten o'clock at night on a high bank of the Highland edge, that no-man's landscape, neither mountain nor lowland, which rims much of the southern and eastern Highlands of Scotland; midges swithering up out of the still-clenched bracken, their bloodlust not yet fully roused. Daylight lingers on and on, and the badgers (which are one of the two reasons for being here) are late, if they're coming out at all. You can never tell with badgers, or at least I can't, but I'm new to their guessing game.

The other reason for being here has riveted me to this landscape for 20 years, as unfailing as midges, and nothing short of a natural phenomenon — ospreys.

The female sits in a fortress of branches 150ft above the woodland floor (the re-shaped crown of a monumental fir), probably on two eggs. She is a little late this year because last year's fortress lies where the winter's rage of winds left it, which is 150ft below her and in splinters. So the fortress building had to begin again from scratch.

Three more monumental trees to the left (three of a stand of seven in an old and lovingly unmanaged wood), on the topmost branch of the tallest, the very summit of the wood, her mate is eating a fish supper. He is high enough for the light of the sunken sun to show pale gold on white breast and head feathers. A late homing crow aims a passing swipe at him. He ducks, glares, resumes his meal.

She slips off the nest suddenly, vanishes behind the dark bulk of it, reappears climbing hard and fast and high enough into the wood's airspace to glow pink at the top of her climb. Then the wings fold and she is a hurtling stone. The trees rush up at her, then consume her.

I can guess the next bit, having watched it several times at closer quarters than this. She has in her sights a dead branch still attached to its parent tree. A few feet above it she will throw her wings back and her legs forward. She will grasp the branch as she flies and the theory is that her momentum will snap it off. In practice it usually works. Failure can be messy and undignified, but nothing worse.

She emerges from the woody depths clutching a branch as long as her wingspan, perhaps 5ft. The climb up to the nest is laborious, but just as she reaches it the branch falls from her grasp, and falls to the woodland floor. In an instant it is forgotten, and she goes back to her eggs and sits. Watching ospreys is never dull, occasionally baffling.

Ospreys were hounded, shot and poisoned out of the Highlands by the Victorians, doomed by the turn of the century, done for by 1910. But through the 1930s some perverse instinct of nature's limitless capacity for forgiveness tugged them back, solitary and speculative wanderers at first, until a pair finally bred on Speyside in the 1950s and pinned a new mecca to the



High-rise: osprey's nest

bird map of Britain — Loch Garten.

Through fits and false starts and many alarms, and with the wholly praiseworthy devotions of the RSPB, the birds have prospered famously, spreading north, west, and as far south from their Speyside stronghold as the fringes of the Central Belt, and providing rife optimism of breeding soon in the Borders; who knows, there may be English ospreys before long.

Statistically, they grow impressively. Last year, of 76 territorial pairs, 45 bred successfully, producing 101 young. "That", says Dave Mitchell of the RSPB's Scottish HQ in Edinburgh, "is not only the highest total since re-colonisation, it is almost certainly the highest in the last 200 to 250 years."

The sustained energies of the RSPB's Operation Osprey have cut human predators too. Five nests were robbed last year, the lowest figure in 30 years, and so far none at all this year, despite the bird's increasing visibility (pylon nests, for example, and at least one nest site visible from a lay-by on the A9).

The challenge which remains is to edge the birds back into their historic heartland of Sutherland and Wester Ross, where overgrazing, the destruction of woodland and the effects of pollutants on the fish stocks have not enhanced the natural environment in the last 200 years.

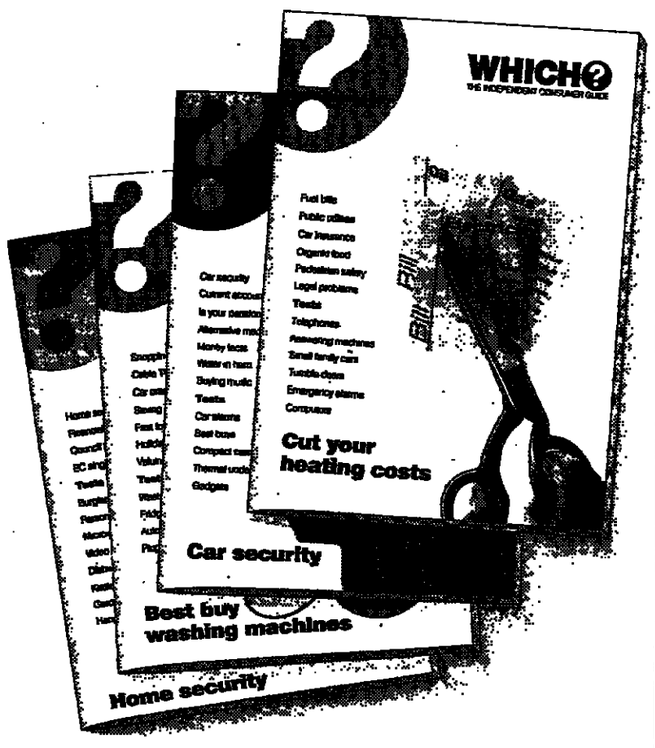
On my bank above the badger set beside the wood on the Highland edge, I turn over 20 years of osprey memorabilia. I remember the early days, the nest 15ft off the ground, through the night watches by a flimsy tent with primitive, allegedly two-way radios, armed with a spotlight and a loud-hailer to fend off intruders (they were used twice, and they worked).

An RAF helicopter ferried in a hide, lowered it in sections into a woodland clearing from which it was manhandled a quarter of a mile and assembled. The ospreys gave us one year's use out of it then moved to another tree. The hide is still there, contemplating a rotting pine.

There are a thousand images of the birds fishing, as spectacular a Highland showpiece as golden eagles displaying or red deer rutting. The most vivid is of a huge female fresh from Africa, shouldering her way through a blizzard 20ft from my lochside perch with a three-pounder thrashing at her feet. She appeared as wraith, became substance, then wraith again as the blizzard shrouded her. What does a trout make of that, dying in a blizzard 50ft above a forest?

Eleven o'clock. The badgers have not emerged, the male osprey has finishing eating and now stands dark and still as a twig. His mate is indistinguishable in her fortress. Of all my watching in all my years of any bird, beast, flower or fly, nothing I know in all nature is as inexplicably good as this.

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RESTAURANT WATCH

ITALIAN FOR CAFÉ
Caffè Piazza
17 Russell Street, WC2 (071-379 1777)
Claudio Pecorari, formerly of Cibo and L'Altro, is chef at Brian Stein's refurbishment of the former Maxwell's in Covent Garden, which completed its opening last week*(Robin Young writes)*. *Antipasti* from all over Italy, pastas, soups, pizzas, *bollito misto*, etc. Reckon £22 to £25 a head with wine. Open midday to midnight, seven days a week.

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Butlers Wharf, SE1
Tower Bridge closes for three months' repairs from Monday and Sir Terence Conran's "Gastrodome" of three restaurants on the south side will be providing a ferry service to take some of the strain off London Bridge and the Rotherhithe Tunnel. The boat will run continually between St Katharine's Pier (which is also a stop for Riverbus services between Greenwich and Chelsea Harbour) and Butlers Wharf from noon-3pm every day, and 6-11pm Monday to Saturday for the duration.

NEW PRIDE
Buckland-Tout-Saints
Goveton, Kingsbridge, Devon (0548 853055)
Among this year's recruits to the Pride of Britain hotel consortium, new owners John and Tove Taylor succeeded in rehiring the former chef Alastair Carter (ex-Riverside Inn with George Perry-Smith) after the hotel had been closed three years. Three-course lunch £14.50, dinner £25. Open 12.30-1.45pm and 7.30-9.30pm, seven days a week.

HIDEAWAY
The Dog House
187 Wardour Street, W1 (071-434 2116)
Peter Cross, designer of the popular but short-lived Portobello Dining Rooms, and Noel Cardew, their manager, have gone to ground in The Doghouse, a "secret basement" at the top end of Wardour Street. Catering to the corporate media industry at lunch, and the dive-bar drinking set at night. The chef is Paul Hughes (ex-Sydney Street, La Reserve). Monday to Friday noon-midnight. Saturday from 5.30pm.

The 'old stuff granny used to make' has become a tasty little earner. **Fiona Beckett** reports on elderflower cordial

Champagne of the hedgerows

STEPHEN MARKESON



From the pick of the summer hedges to bottles of pleasure: Guy Woodall, of Surrey, who makes elderflower cordial, with his production assistant, Wendy Roberts

There is no surer sign of the onset of summer than the appearance in our hedgerows of the creamy, lacy heads of elderflower, their delicate sweet scent mingling with the warm evening air. In culinary terms, they used to be a fringe pursuit: made into cordial by home brewers, or popped into a gooseberry pie by the adventurous country cook, they were about as fashionable as a nut cutlet. But all this has changed. Elderflower cordial and elderflower "champagne" have become stylish, non-alcoholic drinks to serve at dinner parties, thanks largely to a small firm in Surrey named Thorncroft.

Guy Woodall, a former chef, and his wife, Sheila, started making elderflower cordial seven years ago. It was one of a number of projects — including growing vines, rearing pigs and baking bread — which Mr Woodall was exploring on the farm near Dorking. "They all had commercial potential but we had to concentrate on what was going best, and that was the elderflower cordial," he says.

The idea seemed a winner: inexpensive ingredients (elderflowers, sugar, citric acid and lemons), no additives, a traditional recipe from Mr Woodall's grandmother, and an instant taste of the country for wistful townies willing to pay £2.85 a bottle.

It wasn't, of course, as simple as that. Making the first year's production of 70 bottles was comparatively easy, but making half a million bottles a year calls for a huge supply of elderflowers. During the three weeks of harvest the Woodalls have about 300 people picking all over the country, from Surrey to Scotland. "We've even picked in France," Mr Woodall says.

To keep the delicate taste of the cordial, the petals have to be separated from the heads by hand, a laborious task. Immediately they are separated the flowers are immersed in a concentrated sugar syrup and transported in 200-litre plastic drums to the Woodalls' factory at Alresford, Hampshire. There they can be stored, ready for processing, for up to 18 months.

During processing, more sugar syrup is added, together with citric acid and sliced lemons, to each batch of elderflowers, and mixed in former farm dairy tanks. The mixture is then strained, allowed to settle, filtered and bottled. The drinker simply adds sparkling mineral water.

Despite the boom in sales, Mr Woodall says there is still a stigma attached to what some people see, initially, as an unsophisticated drink. "Some of the British are very conservative; they're frightened of liking something and someone saying, 'You don't drink that old stuff granny used to make, do you?' But once they've tasted it, they're sold."

All was going swimmingly at Thorncroft until 18 months ago, when the Woodalls started to produce what they called an elderflower champagne. Basically it was the same mixture as the cordial, but ready-diluted with carbonated spring water. It seemed to them a logical move. "Champagne" was the original name used for an elderflower infusion, pre-dating the cordial, which was not invented until Victorian times and the advent of bulk supplies of sugar. Mr Woodall says. But the French champagne producers did not see it that way. The Woodalls faced an injunction preventing them using the word "champagne". In court last February, they were vindicated, but the French have appealed. The hearing is due to start on Monday.

Mr Woodall is amazed at the fuss: "You have to credit customers with some intelligence. It would be against our interest to dress up the product as champagne. If people got it home, tried it and were disappointed they'd never buy another bottle."

He says the case has put a huge strain on their finances: "It has cost us £77,000 so far and the appeal will cost another £20,000. The French champagne industry is backed by their government, so money means nothing to them."

The Woodalls hope that the setback will be only temporary. For a "champagne", or fizzy drink, elderflower seems to have everything going for it — modest price (about £2.45 a bottle), taste, no hangover and the claim that it has the property of warding off colds and 'flu. "Elderflowers have a diaphoretic effect,' Mr Woodall says. "In other words, they make you sweat."

Elderflower cordial is also useful in cooking. Its affinity with gooseberries makes it a perfect addition to fools, ice-creams, sorbets and sauces, giving them sweetness without sickliness. Now, given the blessing of that doyenne of cookery writers, Delia Smith, in her television series, *Summer Collection*, and book of the same name, elderflower cordial has become an acceptable ingredient.

To make your own cordial, infuse the flowers overnight in a warm sugar syrup, strain and pour into sterilised bottles. Preparing elderflower "champagne" is more difficult, unless you have the traditional stone or champagne-strength bottles, as there is a danger that pressure will build up in the bottle, making it explode.

On a different tack, try this recipe for elderflower vinegar from Joyce Molyneux, of the Carved Angel restaurant in Dartmouth, Devon. It can be used to make a fragrant dressing for chicken salads, or to deglaze a pan after cooking roast chicken.

Elderflower vinegar

On a dry, sunny day pick a generous bunch of creamy heads of elderflower in their prime. Shake each one gently before you take it from the bush (if a shower of white cascades to the ground it is past its best: discard it). In the kitchen, shake the flowers again to dislodge any insects, trim off the stalks, pack the heads fairly tightly into clean preserving jars, cover with fine white wine vinegar and seal. Leave to steep in a dark cupboard for at least a month, and up to a year. To use: strain through muslin and bottle.

Elderflower dressing

- 3tbsp elderflower vinegar
- 1tsp caster sugar
- ¼pt/150ml groundnut oil
- ¼pt/150ml single cream
- salt and freshly ground black pepper

Put the vinegar and sugar in a bowl and whisk in the oil in a steady stream until the mixture is well blended. Add the cream, salt and pepper to taste, and whisk again. Taste and adjust the seasonings.

● *Thorncroft elderflower cordial and "champagne" is available at health food stores and the larger branches of Sainsbury's.* The Carved Angel Cookery Book, *by Joyce Molyneux (Grafton, £6.99).*

DISH OF THE DAY



CHEF: Chris Chown, 35.

BORN: Poole, Dorset.

RESTAURANT: Plas Bodegroes, Pwllheli, Gwynedd (on A497, 1m west of Pwllheli) (0758 612363).

PRESENT: Holds the only Michelin star in Wales.

PAST: A former City accountant, he worked "as a lackey" at Lyn Hall's La Petite Cuisine and did six months in a one-star in Zurich.

FUTURE: Running an accountant's eyes over schemes for keeping his operation together in winter.

Plas Bodegroes closes from the end of October to the start of March.

PERSONAL: Collects Welsh contemporary art, falls asleep at dinner parties.

DISH: Sea trout wrapped in Carmarthen ham ("virtually like Parma") and pan fried, served with a compote of leeks and laverbread and Welsh grain mustard sauce, "seriously Welsh".

PRICE: This is the second of five courses on an all-inclusive £30 dinner menu.

ROBIN YOUNG

Appetite for a bird

ENTERTAINING AT HOME
Charles Florman



Michelin champion: Charles and Lili Florman

I have often thought I should write to *The Guinness Book of Records*, because I must have eaten in more Michelin three-star restaurants, past and present, than anyone alive. There have been only about 70 in all, and I have eaten in all the present 31, except at Pierre Gagnaire in St Etienne, where I shall go soon, and in about another 30 which used to have three stars. Some no longer exist.

I started with my father (he founded Swedish Airlines before the war), and now I am international delegate for the British Academy of Gastronomes and run my own dining club, Les Amis de Girarder, in honour of the Swiss chef, Fredy Girardet.

But when we entertain at home, we do not attempt anything like three-star food, and not even French food. Because I am Swedish and my wife, Lili, is German, we like to do things which are distinctive and not too complicated.

One of our specialities is *löjrom*, bleakfish roe which comes only from Sweden and Finland, although they farm a little now in northern California. We buy it from The Swedish Table in London. Lili fries triangles of white or brown bread in unsalted butter and tops the triangles with unsalted butter, with blackcurrant jelly.

I enjoy cooking, and can turn out a good *hollandaise* or *mayonnaise*, so our dinners are a bit of a team effort, although Lili does most of the main work. My speciality is caramel sauce, for which I use five-tenths double cream, three-tenths sugar and two-tenths Golden Syrup, with just a pinch of sea salt, heated over a very high flame and served over vanilla ice-cream.

Lili likes to have a beautifully laid table and a dramatic setting, with flowers to match the salmon and blue colours of the room. She likes sparkling silver and cut crystal glasses. When we entertain wine enthusiasts and are serving Château Lafite or something like that we use plain Riedel glasses. Lili also loves eating by candlelight.

We keep a big oval table top in a cupboard, which we put on top of our Georgian breakfast table to seat up to 12. Our dinner service is an old set with my family crest on it.

Interview by Robin Young

Entrée to a sumptuous preview

HURRY! There are still a few tickets left for the Birthright Gala Charity Preview of the Eating-In Show at the Business Design Centre, Islington Green, north London.

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Outside for a good grilling

Frances Bissell looks beyond bangers and burgers for barbecue fare

DIANA LEADBETTER





IF YOU do not have plenty of open space between the barbecue and dining areas in your garden, you can get the best out of a barbecue by cooking outside and eating, in comfort, indoors. This is what we do on the roof terrace of our flat in London, using the disposable barbecues I discovered in a hardware store a few years ago. Comfort aside, it also means you can barbecue when the weather is less than perfect.

Although almost everything can be barbecued — vegetables, potatoes, fish, shellfish, steaks, even a leg of lamb — I would not aim to offer chargrilled food at every course unless I was feeding barbecue addicts.

Small and large cuts of meat and fish will barbecue well. Sardines and small mackerel, for example, are relatively sturdy and can go straight on to the oiled grill. Fish fillets or steaks are more delicate and I find these cook well if wrapped in paper parcels — the cooking medium then is the steam which builds up, rather than the more direct heat of the charcoal.

Ingredients, particularly the thicker pieces of meat and fish, should be at room temperature before cooking begins. Thin cuts, such as steak, should be cooked close to the heat, while thicker cuts and poultry joints should be grilled further from it. A piece of foil placed under the grilling meat will catch the dripping fat rather than letting it hit the coals, which would flare up again, burn the meat, and give off fumes.

Meat should not be salted before grilling, which causes it to exude moisture and then dehydrate as the heat evaporates the moisture; the flesh then becomes tough and dry.

If you have always had problems opening oysters let the barbecue do it for you. You will hear them creak a little as the shells begin to part and they will, at the same time, be perfectly — I was going to say cooked, but the heat does nothing more than "set" them.

Barbecued oysters

(serves 6)

2-3 dozen Pacific oysters

Scrub the oysters and place them, flat shell down, on the grill for five minutes. Turn them over and leave, flat shell uppermost, until the shell begins to creak and open slightly. Wear thick gloves when you remove the oysters, and then, with an oyster knife, give a final twist to remove the top shell. A little sauce is spooned on to the oyster before eating it.

Sauce suggestions

- **English:** melted butter, lemon juice, white pepper, chopped chives.
- **Oriental:** crushed salted black beans (available from oriental supermarkets), chopped chillies, chopped spring onions, rice vinegar, rice wine (or sherry vinegar and dry sherry), toasted sesame oil, soy sauce.
- **Mediterranean:** extra virgin olive oil, finely chopped garlic, chopped black olives, finely chopped basil, finely chopped sun-dried or fresh tomatoes.
- **Classical:** red wine vinegar, finely chopped shallots, freshly ground black pepper.

Barbecued salmon trout in paper parcels

(serves 6)

6 pieces of salmon trout fillet, each weighing 5oz/140g from the thick end of the fillet, and roughly the same shape and size

2oz/60g butter, or 2-3tbsp extra virgin oil

salt and pepper

6 cardamom pods

coriander leaves

Remove the skin from the salmon trout fillets. Cut six large rectangles, 15 by 20in/37 by 50cm, of doubled greaseproof paper, and fold each in half. Cut each piece of paper into a heart shape, with the fold running down to the point. Brush the paper with melted butter or oil.

Season the fillets, brush with the remaining butter or oil and place each on one side of each paper heart. Split open the cardamom pods and scatter the seeds over the fish. Shred the coriander leaves and scatter on the fish. The parcels are now ready to seal.

Fold the greaseproof paper over the fish and make tight, overlapping folds all round the edges. Lay the parcels on the hot grill and cook for ten minutes, turning the parcels once, carefully. Remove when done and place each on a heated dinner plate. Cut open at the table and pour on a little more olive oil if liked. Foil can be used in place of greaseproof paper.

Note: salmon steaks can be cooked in the same way.

Spatchcocked quails

(serves 6)

6 quails

12 small onions

12 cup or button mushrooms

12 new potatoes

6 sprigs of rosemary

Marinade

1tbsp extra virgin olive oil

1tbsp clear honey

1tbsp cider vinegar

4tbsp cider

1tbsp grain mustard

¼tsp ground black pepper

Mix the marinade ingredients together. With a pair of kitchen sissors, spatchcock the quails by cutting along each side of the backbone behind the leg joints so that the leg remains attached by the skin to the breast. Use the backbones, if you like, to make a little stock, but they will only make a little. Carefully flatten out the birds so that they open out. Peel the onions, wipe the mushrooms, and scrub the potatoes. Marinate the quails for an hour or so if you have time (if not, thread the ingredients on to six skewers, leaving the mushrooms until about halfway through cooking time).

Brush the ingredients well with the marinade and secure a piece of rosemary to each skewer, tucking it underneath the quail. Place on the grill, and cook for ten minutes, turning once. Brush from time to time with the marinade. Thread on the mushrooms and brush these, too. Grill the quails for a further ten minutes, turning and basting as necessary.

Barbecued peppered fillet of beef

(serves 8, plus leftovers)

whole fillet of beef, weighing about 4lb/1.80kg

3-4tbsp olive oil

1tsp freshly ground black pepper

½tsp each of crushed white, pink and green peppercorns, allspice, Szechuan peppercorns, or as available

Cut off the thin, pointed end of the fillet and use this for another recipe, such as superior hamburgers or steak tartare. Mix the olive oil with the crushed mixed peppercorns and brush over the meat. Grill until the internal temperature of the meat reaches 49C/120F for rare, about 54C/130F for medium rare. This will take 20-25 minutes. Allow the meat to rest for 15-20 minutes before slicing. Serve with pots of mustard, horseradish and a tarragon mayonnaise with the flavour of a bearnaise sauce.

Tarragon mayonnaise

(makes about ½pt/280ml)

2 shallots, peeled and finely chopped

2 sprigs of tarragon

¼pt/140ml dry white wine

2tbsp good wine vinegar, such as Orleans

2 free-range egg yolks

¼tsp Dijon mustard

½pt/280ml grapeseed, sunflower or groundnut oil

seasoning

Put the shallots, one sprig of tarragon, the wine and wine vinegar in a saucepan, heat and let it reduce until the liquid has almost evaporated. Cool. Discard the tarragon sprig. Scrape the residue into a bowl. Add the egg yolks, the mustard and the finely chopped leaves from the remaining tarragon. Gradually add the oil, drop by drop, at first whisking it into the egg yolk. As the mixture emulsifies and thickens, the oil can be added more liberally, but with each addition, beat until the mayonnaise is smooth once more and not oily.

At this time of year, peaches and apricots make a simple yet elegant ending to any summer meal. Apricots benefit from light poaching in a well-flavoured "stock". A barbecued alternative is bananas cooked in their skins.

Peaches and apricots in red wine

(serves 6)

½pt/280ml red wine

sugar or honey to taste

12 ripe but firm apricots

1 small cinnamon stick

6 peaches

Put the wine and sugar or honey in a saucepan and heat slowly to dissolve the sugar. Cut the apricots in half, add them to the wine, together with the cinnamon stick. Poach gently for about five minutes, and allow to cool. Peel the peaches, preserving their fresh flavour by using a very sharp knife, instead of scalding them first to loosen the skins. Slice the peaches into a glass bowl, add the poached apricots and pour the wine over the fruit. Discard the cinnamon stick. Chill the fruit until required.

Cool whites worth downing

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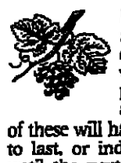
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Perfect pair: chicken dishes are made for white wine



WHITE wines, because of their light, often zesty fruit, need less time in the cellar than reds. But there are still plenty of great white wines, such as first-division Côte d'Or burgundy from a top vintage, that need as much as eight years' maturation to show at their best. Lesser whites, such as a good German Kabinett-class riesling, respond well to at least five years of cellaring, and even the humble, supermarket bottle of non-vintage champagne will generally taste a lot better next year, if you lay it down now.

So the good news for white wine drinkers — as a nation, we still drink more white than red — is that they need not be left out of the cellarage game. White wine, of course, goes particularly well with light meats, such as pork or chicken, and fish dishes.



FORGET about cellaring cheap, ordinary white wines priced at £3.50 and under. Few of these will have the stamina to last, or indeed taste fresh until the next vintage comes round, let alone for longer. Pay attention to back labels with these wines: most outletsare honest enough to stipulate drink-up times, often as soon as six months or less.

The white wine grapes to select and cellar include chardonnay, riesling, semillon, chenin blanc and, to a lesser extent, sauvignon. With age, white wines made from these grapes will fill out and deepen in flavour. The chardonnay grape takes best to cellarage treatment, for at its Côte d'Or peak, in places such as Puligny-Montrachet, and from great years, it turns into celestial, golden layers of rich, nutty fruit.

Do not economise. For the full white burgundy experience, buy the best producer and village name you can afford. Hard-up? Then trade down to the Côte Chalonnaise and wines such as Rully and Mercurey from a good producer, such as Drouhin, or the Buxy co-operative. Even straightforward bourgogne blanc and basic chablis from a good name will give you, with a few years of cellar age, some of the fat fruit and hazelnut scent that drinkers of white burgundy so revere.Today's unsung riesling grape from the leading German and French sites shows the same dramatic leap in flavour with age as chardonnay. A young, racy, flowery riesling will slowly turn into a deep, grapey, lime-juice scented mouthful in the cellar.

Again, buy the best Spätlese and Auslese names you can afford from the top estates of the Moselle and Rhine. Even Kabinett wines, on the next quality tier down, taste bettter and richer with age. And do not forget Alsace, on the other side of the Rhine: almost all of its young, shy, steely rieslings, the best wines this region makes, especially the superior reserves or late harvest styles, taste better with age.

The semillon grape does not have as great a reputation as either the chardonnay or riesling but it changes with age from a gawky, skinny white into a big, waxy, beautiful wine. This is the grape responsible, usually along with sauvignon and sometimes a dash of muscadelle, for the sweet white wines of Bordeaux. Enthusiasts pay astonishing sums for the rare, dry white wines from leading Bordeaux châteaux, too.

In Australia's Hunter Valley, the semillon grape, after five years and certainly by eight years of bottle age, turns into a unique, extraordinary explosion in the mouth of toasty-oaky, lime-juice scented flavours that even experienced tasters would swear had been matured in oak, but have not.

One of the distinguishing signs of great grapes is their ability to age gracefully as wine, and this the Loire's chenin blanc grape can do with gusto, due partly to its high levels of acidity. I have tasted luscious, late-harvest Côteaux du Layon and Vouvray wines from this region that have turned into spectacular, deep, waxy, almost minerally whites after a decade, and are still going strong after several more. White wines' longevity and cellar staying-power are certainly proven in the Loire.

A white wine variety that takes rather less happily to age is the sauvignon. In the Loire, at its Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé zenith, it turns into rutty, somewhat dried out wines that remind locals of the chardonnay grape.



NEW-WORLD sauvignons from New Zealand and elsewhere turn into strong vegetal wines, whose overripe scents of asparagus, green olives and green beans most palates will find too much. Be chary about putting too many new-world whites in your cellar yet. The white wines from places such as California and Australia do age, but despite the protestations of new-world wine producers, no one really knows for how long and in what way.

Try to reserve space for laying down sweet wines. Old, dark-gold whites from Sauternes, Barsac and the like are a real treat that deliver a rich, honeyed, often *crème brulée*-like taste with age. Fine, old Beerenauslese and Trockenbeerenauslese wines are worth laying down for rich, almost butterscotch-like flavours.

An old champagne is worth waiting for, too, as *grandes marques* non-vintage bottles are twice as good with a two-year wait in the cellar.

Finally, white wine vintages to invest in: '88, '89 and '90.

JANE MACQUITTY

- **1992 Haut Poitou Caberoet Rosé, Cave du Haut Poitou:** *Waitrose £3.75.*
Vibrant racy, lemony rosé, whose partridge-eye pink colour and vague strawberry scent make it a useful summer buy.
- **1992 Georges Duboeuf Beaujolais-Villages:** *Tesco £4.99. Thresher £5.39.*
Crimson-purple, gluggable, musky, cherry-packed fruit. Serve cool.
- **1990 Rocca Delle Macie Chianti Classico:** *Majestic Wine Warehouses £4.99, Waitrose £4.85.*
Typical spicy, savoury, meaty chianti fruit. Good with grills.
- **1992 Tolley's Pedare Late Harvest Muscat:** *Oddbins £3.69.*
Useful cheap, sweet, grapey-aniseedy summer desert wine.
- **1992 Domaine de Grandchamp Bergerac Sec:** *Sainsbury's £5.95, Tesco £4.49.*
Zesty celery and gooseberry flavour. Pricier than it should be for a southwest sauvignon from Henry Ryman.
- **1992 Domaine Barthes, Côteaux du Languedoc Syrah:** *Thresher £4.59.*
Wonderful, rich, chunky-spicy, 100 per cent syrah red: the top vat from a Midi co-operative.
- **1992 Tenuta Generale Cialdini, Chiarli, Lambrusco Secco:** *Safeway £2.79.*
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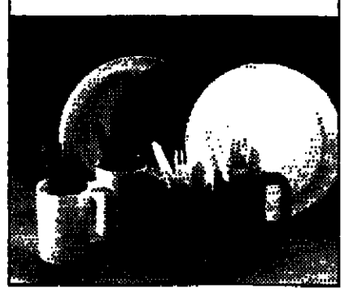
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Heaven and hell for pests

The wet spring has brought out the aphids. **Francesca Greenoak** goes to war



THE wettest May for seven years has resulted in a spectacularly good year for aphids — evident from mid-May all over the soft shoots and small buds of early-season roses and colonising new growth on indoor and conservatory plants.

I have to admit that before a four-day trip away from home, I broke with my usual practice and sprayed a soft-soap pesticide on the aphids on my jacaranda and on a standard rose, the former because it was not a strong plant, the latter because the filigree leaves are so delicate that my normal rubbing-off routine damages them. The climbing rose, "Madame Alfred Carrière", and the "Complicata", both sturdy plants, I simply hosed with a fine spray of water to knock the aphids off and set them back a bit until the natural predators could get to grips with them.

There are so many hungry aphid predators around at this time of year that I feel that it is a waste of time and money to go around spraying everything with pesticides. Besides, even soft-soap sprays degrade into surfactants, and you do not really want to introduce too many into the soil.

Healthy plants should be able to weather aphids — as I found when I tested the theory in a controlled trial. You could even feel a little sorry for the aphids. Wasps eat them, as do ladybird and hoverfly larvae (both kind of larvae are small and grey-coloured). I was quite pleased to identify four different kinds of hoverfly in our garden, but this is almost certainly an under-estimate: by way of comparison, Dr Jennifer Owen's detailed study of her garden in suburban Leicester, *The Ecology of a Garden*, revealed 91 species.

Pippa Greenwood has a garden of her own, as well as being plant pathologist for the RHS at Wisley. She gardens on organic principles, on the grounds that it is easy and efficient as well as suiting her temperamentally. She answers about 8,000 queries a year and has found that gardeners have become more interested in maintaining their gardens without chemicals. Her advice is that, wherever possible, you should select disease-resistant plants, give them the right conditions for health, and if problems occur, learn how to identify and deal with the first signs.

I asked her what we should be watching out for now, and she described blossom wilt, thereby forestalling my own question to her, for my Morello cherry tree has been exhibiting signs of this fungal infection, which shows itself typically in a wilting of blossom and subsequent dying back of the twigs. This disease has been unusually prevalent in this wet, cool spring. Prompt action, which involves cutting back the diseased twigs to clean wood, should stop spread of the disease, especially if a copper-based fungicide is applied the following year. If the tree is reasonably healthy and not too severely affected, it should recover.



WHITEFLY and red spider mite are imported pests, especially nasty in greenhouses and conservatories, where the atmosphere is still and dry. Andrew Halstead, who works on pests in the Wisley laboratories, agrees that biological control (the *Encarsia* wasp and *Phytoseiulus* mite respectively) is effective for combating these two pests.

The vine weevil, whose larvae feed on the roots of indoor and garden plants, is becoming more prevalent, and a biological control in the form of an easily applied nematode is now available over the counter to amateur gardeners (pbi Biosafe, at present at Homebase stores only).

Nothing is yet available to combat the lily beetle, which has become a real pest in the south of the country (even the strongest chemicals are only partially effective), but here Mr Halstead recommends "the best pesticide of all — the finger and thumb. Vigilant removal of the red beetles and their larvae as soon as they appear is at present the best method of controlling this pest."

FRANCESCA GREENOAK



Insect watch: Pippa Greenwood goes on plant patrol at Wisley

WEEKEND TIPS

- *Plant out cabbages, cauliflowers, courgettes, leeks and pumpkins.*
- *Divide up bearded irises after flowering if they are becoming overcrowded.*
- *Tie in the growing shoots of sweet peas to their sticks or trellis as they grow.*
- *Remove the vigorous suckering shoots produced from the rootstock of grafted roses.*
- *Make late sowings of annuals such as candytuft, marigolds and cornflowers.*



Plant out your pumpkins now



Gardens to visit

☐ **London:** *The gardens of the Inner and Middle Temple (entry through Tudor Gate, Tudor Street, London EC4).*
Open on behalf of Save the Children by permission of the Masters of the Bench. Large London plane trees on the lawn of the Inner Temple show where the bank of the Thames used to be before the Embankment was built in 1866. Adult £2, child 50p. Tomorrow only, 2-5pm.

☐ **Gloucestershire:** *Brookend, on the eastern side of Woolaston village, just off the A48 between Lydney and Chepstow.*
Seven gardens displaying the variety of styles to be found in an English village, with the owners on hand to discuss design and choice of plants. Plant sales. Adult £1.50, child free. Tomorrow only, noon-5pm.

☐ **Cambridgeshire:** *The Manor, Hemingford Grey (5m east of Huntingdon, between the A1123 and A604).*
The Manor, built by the Normans and famous as Lucy Boston's "Green Knowe", has scented gardens with lawns, old roses with informal foxgloves, poppies, columbines and campanulas, and formal yew topiary. Telephone Diana Boston on 0480 463134 for her conducted garden walk. Adult £2, child 50p. Wednesday.

☐ **Hampshire:** Hampshire Landscape Fair until June 30 — people and green places. Exhibition at the Great Hall, Winchester, includes famous and restored gardens. Series of garden walks this week in Winchester Southampton and Romsey, and Basing Hall (tomorrow). (0489 877506)

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MY PERFECT WEEKEND

DR STANLEY SADIE

Musicologist



Where would you go?
Vienna.

How would you get there?
By time-machine — to arrive on Saturday April 29 1786. It would be a long weekend: I've come for the premiere of *The Marriage of Figaro* at the Burgtheater on May 1: Mozart is the person I have worked on most of my life. *The Marriage of Figaro* is not necessarily my favourite opera but the performance was given in a good theatre by the company that performed all Mozart's operas, and I would expect it to be the kind of performance he wanted. Mozart taught the singers their parts — one was an Englishwoman, Nancy Storace, who sang the part of Susanna, and another was an Irishman, Michael Kelly, who sang Don Basilio and Don Curzio.

Where would you stay?
At a good inn near the Michaelerplatz, in the centre of old Vienna.

Who would be your perfect companion?
My wife, Julie Anne, who is a musician: she plays the cello and the viol, and writes about music.

What essentials would you take?
A tape recorder (a small one that I could smuggle into the theatre) and, if possible, a camera. I suppose I should visit a theatrical costumier to hire something in which I could get by unobtrusively in 18th-century Vienna.

What medicines would accompany you?
Pills to purify the water of those days might be useful.

What would you eat?
Wiener Schnitzel (I am not sure that Sachertorte has yet been invented). I would also try one of Mozart's favourite dishes, liver dumplings and sauerkraut.

What would you have to drink?
Local wine and Viennese coffee.

Which books would you take?
A contemporary guidebook.

What music would you listen to?
The Marriage of Figaro — and anything else available.

What film would you watch?
Certainly not *Amadeus*.

What luxury would you take?
The whole trip is a luxury.

What piece of art would you like to have there?
I'd like to see some of the sculptures by earlier members of the Mozart family: relatives on his father's side were sculptors and painters, mostly in the Augsburg area.

Who would be your least welcome guest?
I suppose one might say Antonio Salieri, but actually he and Mozart were probably quite good friends.

Which newspapers or journals would you read?
The *Wiener Zeitung* while there; the *TLS* en route.

What three things would you leave behind?
All those anxieties, bills and deadlines.

What three things would you most like to do?
Besides listening to music, I'd like to meet people: Mozart first, of course, and his wife, but also Lorenzo da Ponte, and Joseph Haydn if he's in Vienna at the time. I'd like to do some sightseeing too.

To whom would you send a postcard?
Postcards have not yet been invented: anyway, I am bad at sending them.

What souvenir would you bring home?
Two or three Mozart manuscripts.

What would you like to find when you got home?
Modern hygiene.

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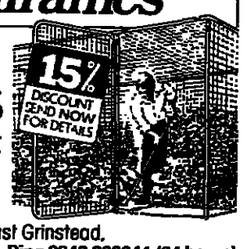
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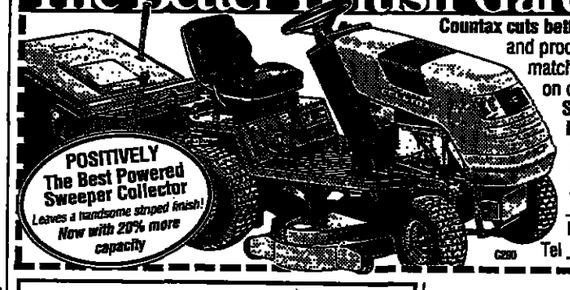


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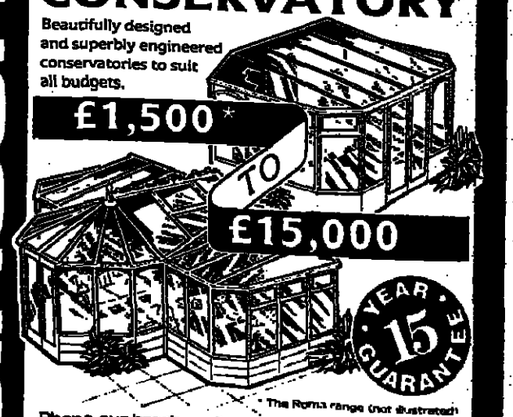
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Voyage round the water garden

Geoffrey Jellicoe gives us views on aspects of his designs for the water gardens at Shute House in Wiltshire



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You are sitting on the two-way seat (below left) with your back to the silent pool and spring. The view (left) shows the tranquil, classical canal leading past observation balconies and water lilies to plunge into twin grottoes, one for each side of the ridge.
Behind the grottoes, the three Roman poets, Lucretius, Virgil and Ovid look down upon these works, and indeed on the whole of the garden.
To the right and out of sight, the water follows a romantic route through pools and cascades, passing through a sinister scene of ominous topiary to rejoin the classical waters at the foot of the cascade.

The view up the cascade (far left). The waterfalls and bubble fountains are re-energised by gravity, as in Kashmir. The upper four waterfalls are designed to form a harmonic chord of treble, alto, tenor, bass. Nature joins in.

The combined waters pass through a bog garden with the same luxurious wealth of planting that is everywhere.
The waters then leave the woodlands and become placid reflecting pools (below) before continuing on their way to infinity.

Shute House lies in the deep country near Shaftesbury, Wiltshire. With its rich scenery of hills and undulations, this area was one of the birthplaces of the English school of landscape. Wardour Castle is across the valley. Fonthill, Stourhead and Longleat are near.

The house itself is a complex of history, from medieval to Palladian. The estate lies on the south slopes of a ridge, with a highly fertile soil riddled with springlets. The parent spring lies at the top of the site and is undoubtedly the reason there have been settlements here since the Roman occupation.

In 1969, when the present owners, Michael and Lady Anne Tree, acquired the property, the garden consisted of a grass terrace facing south, a ha-ha, two ancient pools and an obscured view towards distant downs. Adjoining the terrace was a brick wall at an angle, behind which lay a kitchen garden, dense woodlands and a curious, dog-legged semi-formal canal, which received water from a hidden spring-fed pool.



Into this romantic, watery semi-wilderness behind the wall, seven or more green compartments have been devised, each informed with differing historic cultures, with different shapes and moods.

The theory is that the conscious will be preoccupied with the visual delights, which are many; but the subconscious will later inform you that you have experienced something intangible that will be unforgettable.



A projection of winners in wacky races

Dress up or dress down, put your shirt on a camel — it may not be Ascot, but it's the reel thing



Pin-money punters: and don't forget your binoculars

The horses are entering the final furlong. A few of the punters, sitting in the dark, grope for their betting slips. After a slow start, Quick Step is coming up on the rails to overtake Flashy Floss. "Here comes No. 7 into the home straight. What timing. Lovely performance."

On go the lights. The lucky ones head for the pay-out table to collect their winnings, the others settle back into their seats. Unlike most race meetings, there is no speculation about how this or that horse will do next time out, because all the horses probably went to the knacker's yard 20 years ago, and Flashy Floss wasn't a filly anyway, but a galumphing stallion.

The race was an example of one of the most up-and-coming entertainments in the country: a race night in a local hall, using all the jargon of the racecourse, but with none of the scope for acting on informed tips and judgment.

Earlier in the day, a company specialising in these events delivered six unmarked, sealed canisters, each containing a film of a race. What kind of races they were we had no idea: camels, possibly; hillbilly carriage drivers, horses, dogs or ferrets. Nor had we an inkling of when the races had taken place.

All we knew as we came in to the hall and took our seats between a screen and a film projector was that there would be eight runners in each race, that a bet would cost up to 50p, and that when we chose a runner's number and bet on it we would be betting blind.

Some of us had paid £5 to have our names and a name we had made up for a runner printed in the racecard. No one had any way of knowing what contender that number would be matched with.

Only after the betting has closed does someone, with a rigmarole worthy of Paul Daniels, select one of the unmarked sealed canisters. Out comes the film and it is wound on to the projector.

For the second race, the film rolls through the credits to the tune of "Going to Run All Night... Do Da, Do Da Day". In the background there are cars from a bygone era — as is the Pathé Newsstyle voice of the commentator.

The film turns out to be a horse race. I've chosen No. 6: Paper Clip it was called on the racecard, but on film it has sloughed off its name and become plain No. 6. The horse paces the paddock to a thumbnail sketch by the commentator who mentions a torn muscle, and says gloomily that it "may find the competition a little bit hot".

"They're off!" As the horses thunder around the track the shouting reaches a climax. Most of it is on the soundtrack. The more jaunty among us raise our binoculars. "You have to be in the right frame of mind," says Robert Dicketts, who organised the event for the Sevenoaks School Parents' Association in Kent.

All the horses probably went to the knacker's yard 20 years ago — and Flashy Floss wasn't a filly, but a galumphing stallion

Some of the men are wearing deerstalkers and racing gear. The stewards have racing caps, armbands, rosettes and badges. There's bunting over the betting table. There's some heckling, too. "It's the same horses jumbled up every time," someone mutters.

After the race it is time for supper. This comes in a white disposable plastic basket: chicken nuggets, curly lettuce with a leaf of radicchio, and chips. There's vinegar on the table and salt. "No cutlery," says Eilis Rich, head of the parents' association. "You wouldn't have cutlery at Cheltenham."

That, the betting and the clothes are about as much as this has in common with a real race meeting.

Here, there are no braziers with the ghastly sausages that you risk your life to eat. No day-long regrets about opting for the cheapest car-park, which may keep you stuck in the mud all night. No worries about what might or might not happen at Beecher's Brook. The only injury anyone is likely to sustain here is over the blowing up of the balloons to decorate the hall. "I nearly got crippled doing it," says Helen Driver, wife of a committee member. Certainly there will be no cold feet waiting for 15 minutes for the next 20-second woosh past by the horses.

"It's cheaper, too," says Linda Leach, another committee member. "You can place a bet for 5p here. At the race meeting we went to at Epsom recently, I couldn't put anything on for less than £2."

Even so, by the end of the evening the parents' association has made a surprising profit: £909 to be exact. And the punters are rather bemused at how much they have spent.

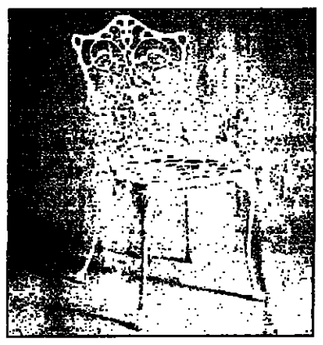
"It's a wonderful way to make money," says Richard Barker, the headmaster. "And to have fun."

JESSICA GORST-WILLIAMS

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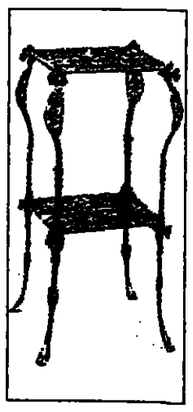
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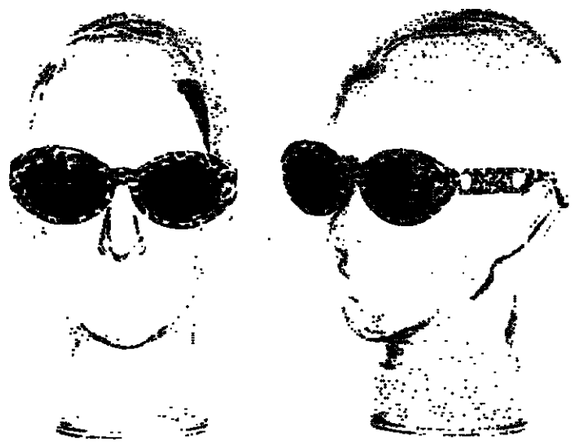
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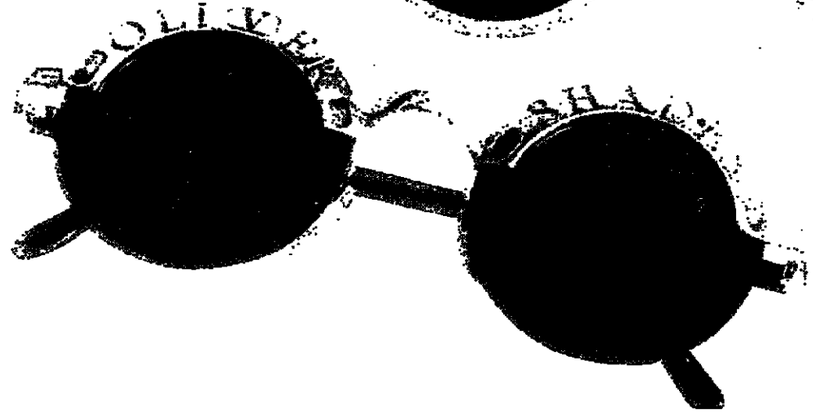
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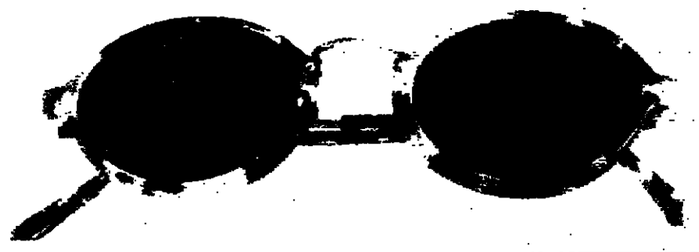


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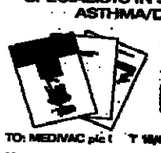
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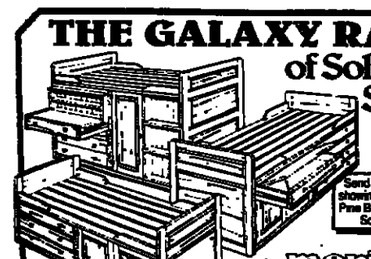
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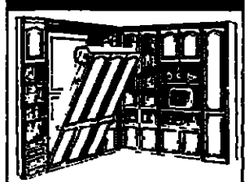
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5/5 *Pleasure ratings are awarded to a maximum of five. Column centimetres indicate the length of reviews to date in national broadsheet newspapers.*

4/5 **Give me your arm, old Toad:** Alan Clark's *Diaries* (Weidenfeld, £20) must be the book of the week, if only because A.N. Wilson in the *Evening Standard* hated it so much: the diaries were "profoundly uncongenial", he thought, compiled by a Mr Toad who was "lecherous but tortured by impotence".

Other reviewers found them much more entertaining. "Staggeringly, recklessly candid," wrote Anthony Howard in the *Sunday Times*. Clark was "a toff born out of his time" — and, added Howard cheerfully, "how the 'classless' Tory party is going to hate this book!" "Friends and foes will turn to the index with trembling hands," said Julian Critchley in *The Daily Telegraph* — but he thought they were "enormous fun".

David Mellor in *The Mail on Sunday* had it both ways: the diaries were unputdownable, but they were nasty: "not much is left after the abuse". Charles Powell in *The Times* was also a rather uncertain friend. He praised Clark's "splendid contempt for humbug", and wished the diarist could display his "gaiety, style and intellectual distinction" in the Lords. But he proposed a rather ambiguous title for him: "After Lord Clark of Civilisation, we are entitled to Lord Clark of Consummation."

Wasn't another word beginning with "co" hovering on his lips? *Column cms: 155.*

3/5 **Storm rating:** Jack Higgins's new novel *Thunder Point* (Michael Joseph, £14.99) got into the hardback fiction bestseller lists at No. 6 the moment it was published, but the notices so far have been better for the simultaneous paperback of his thriller *Eye of the Storm* (Signet, £4.99). Take your pick between the hardback sunken U-boat in the Caribbean and the paperback mortar attack on 10 Downing Street. *Column cms. for* Thunder Point: *35.*

2/5 **Observed of all Observers:** Most reviewers had more good words for Tom Bower than for the subject of his new book, *Tiny Rowland* (Heinemann £16.99). Stephen Glover said in the *Evening Standard* that it was an "incredibly impressive piece of research" that tore Rowland's reputation to shreds — though he wondered if the man was worth quite so much attention.

In the *Sunday Telegraph*, Geoffrey Owen found the book "lively and readable" but defended some of Rowland's achievements: he was not a short-term gambler, and he transformed a fading colonial business into an international conglomerate. But in *The Sunday Times* Ivan Fallon regretfully declared that there were no surprises in the book: "One is left with a feeling of dissatisfaction. . .Is this really all there is to it?" *Column cms: 232.5.*

3/5 **Chernobylist:** Piers Paul Read skips from novels to real-life dramas, such as his book about the white cannibals that has just come out as a film, *Alive*. His new book, with the all-too-deftly contrasting title *Ablaze* (Secker £16), is about the Chernobyl disaster. Norman Stone, writing in *The Times*, described it as "a brilliant account of the disaster", one of the classic books about communism in the Soviet Union. In *The Sunday Times*, the Green spokesman Jonathan Porritt gave it his approval as "scrupulously fair", but in the *Sunday Telegraph* Auberon Waugh felt that Read had minimised the damage from the explosion, and been too reluctant to blame either individuals or the system.

Both these reviewers balked at the five-page list of Russian names at the beginning — "Beachcomber's famous *Lists of Huntingdonshire Cabmen* would have been more entertaining," said Waugh. *Column cms: 197.5.*

Ruth Gledhill finds the essence of Anglo-Catholicism in Blackpool

Mass appeal for those in peril by the sea



THE Rev Graham Rainford, or Fr Graham as he prefers to be known, has a reputation in high-church circles that extends south even below Watford. In Blackpool, although the famous lights are not yet switched on, I had expected a display of traditional and exotic Anglo-Catholicism, with incense, bells and ornate vestments.

Instead, St Christopher's was the essence of modern Catholicism within the Church of England. Fr Graham opposes women priests, but has a nun, Sister Mary Jo, as deacon, who intends to be ordained priest.

He uses the most modern authorised liturgy available, Rite A from *The Alternative Service Book*, but he attached the *Regina Coeli* to the end. Bells were rung and candles could be lit beneath a statue of the Virgin and Child, and each year a growing number of parishioners trek off to Walsingham in Norfolk. But little else distinguished St Christopher's from a standard northern Anglican parish church.



Surprise: Sister Mary Jo

As so often, however, appearances were deceptive. Inside the rather bland, red-brick modern exterior, which lacked even a notice board to identify it as a church, there is a fast-growing parish community which defies those categories and labels by which journalists love to standardise the exceptional. Sister Mary Jo, who took a leading role in the service, was not the only surprise. At a time when the image of the church is of decline, this parish is proud to declare itself new, founded because there were not enough churches to serve the number who wanted to worship. Over coffee after the service, one member of the parochial church council discussed future events in distinctly evangelical terms, the opposite end of the Anglican spectrum to that practised in St Christopher's.

Blackpool is a town in peril on the sea and in urgent need of salvation, he believed, describing plans for future "prayer walks" through Blackpool, spiritually to "cleanse" the town centre. He and others are concerned at the extent of the drunkenness and loutish behaviour which must have been evident to any visitor to Blackpool that weekend. "Blackpool needs prayer walks," he stated. "The Baptists have been doing it for years. It is claiming the territory for Jesus. The people of God in the area are getting to grips with the spiritual warfare being fought."

I arrived for the 10am sung eucharist, to be welcomed by churchwardens Dave Curtis and Roland Jackson, two "Brown Owls" preparing to take their Brownies on a pack holiday, PC Pete Webster, the local bobby, and a series of friendly parishioners eager to meet someone who might have been a newcomer to the quiet residential area around us. We were not far from the seafront, or from the wild bank-holiday excesses in this Brighton of the north, but we could have been in a suburb of any civilised provincial town.



BARRY GREENWOOD

Good shepherd: the Rev Graham Rainford blesses a child

The parish was formed in 1989, at a time when it was more usual for parishes to merge with their neighbours and after decades of falling congregations nationwide. For many years before that, a congregation worshipped in a 40-year-old prefabricated building on the same site. Fr Graham has built numbers up to more than 100 each Sunday, in a parish of 8,500.

The church building was completed and consecrated two years ago, and the youth club has planted the freshly dug earth next to the red brick and tarmac, where the new green shoots seemed genuine.

The service followed the usual Anglican pattern of readings, hymns, sermon, prayers, communion and more hymns. We used the New English Hymnal, did one hymn from *Themesongs*, more often used by evangelicals, and sang the gospel acclamations in Latin. We prayed for the Queen and all in government, that "God might save all nations from the lust of power and racial hatred, and that tyranny might crumble". After communion, a dozen children came in from their Sunday school for a blessing, carrying paper doves they had made.

The service lasted 90 minutes, but none complained. Fr Graham said: "I have yet to find anywhere that says you have to worship God in 60 minutes flat. If you are Orthodox it takes three hours, and nobody says anything about that."

Despite the freezing British summer outside, the church was warm. And the simple, unadorned worship was a lesson to those who seek symbolism in the smallest things. Asked if there was any significance in the absence of a church notice board, the vicar's wife, Val, explained it had simply blown down in the wind, and a new one was being built at that very moment.

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VICAR: The Rev Graham Rainford
ARCHITECTURE: Effective modern design by Francis Roberts of Preston. Bare red-brick walls, the only adornment being carved wooden stations of the cross.★★★★
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LITURGY: Modern Anglican liturgies are the Achilles' heel of the Church of England, but they appear less lacklustre than usual in environments such as this.★★
SERMON: Impassioned, although too long. Fr Graham, a young-looking 38, is a born preacher. He spoke about vocation, confirmation, meeting his wife and recent events in the life of the church. "The powerful exploson of God's spirit on this church is what we pray for day in, day out," he said.★★★
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On Monday, teams of sporting politicos, clerics and soldiers will take

People with pull in the right places

With heels dug in, teeth gritted and hands grasped on the rope, the team was commanded to "Take the strain . . . and pull," by Lady Venetia Parker, the captain of the House of Lords' secretaries and assistants team. And they did. On the other end of the 32m rope, eight similarly dedicated young women from the Commons responded. "One, two; one, two," their captain, Caroline Warburton, yelled. "Keep it up." This noisy exhibition of willpower and all the muscle they could muster was a practice pull for the annual Lords v Commons Tug-of-War on Monday evening.

Eight teams compete: peers against MPs, secretaries and assistants from the Lords versus those from the Commons, the 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurka Rifles against the 17th Training Regiment Royal Artillery, and St Paul's against Westminster Abbey. They are all pulling to raise money for the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

This is the sixth year that Lady Venetia has been captain of her team. "I got conned into it in the first place," she says. "As I was the largest girl in the team I was obviously going to be the anchor, and because I could see from the back what the other team was doing, most of the verbal abuse was coming from me. So they made me captain.

"Shouting is very important. You can't pull properly if you don't make a noise, and you need to have a captain to co-ordinate the team's efforts. Sometimes it gets very noisy. It is important to work as a team. You can feel instantly when someone gives up.

"Tug-of-war is the hardest form of exercise I have ever taken, and I go to the gym regularly. Once I pulled so hard that I cramped up all my stomach muscles. But if you pull properly you shouldn't hurt yourself."

According to Lady Venetia, success is all down to technique, not strength. Last year, after the main events were over, some of the women from the Lords and Commons Girls teams got together and pulled against the Lords' Men's team. The women won in a straight pull, and there was considerably more weight on the other side.

In the two-week run-up to the competition, the women's teams are coached once or twice a week by Mike Parsons, the assistant general secretary of the Tug-of-War Association,

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who gives them a few useful tips. The MPs' Men's team do not take it quite so seriously. The women practise regularly, although they have been banned from doing it in the corridors of the Commons because of the racket.

Miss Warburton has been in the Commons team for two years, and is determined they are going to win, having won only once in five years (the MPs have never beaten the Lords). "I used to be a matron at a preparatory school, and captaining the team is pretty similar," she says. "You have to inspire them, liaise with the opposition, make sure your team is eating properly — lots of pasta and carbohydrates — and, most importantly, encourage the team to tell everyone why they are doing it. That's the point for us: to raise as much money as possible."

Tug-of-war is not as easy as it looks, Miss Warburton says. "It is hard work: you are trying to peak all the time. Once you get a rhythm going, it's OK; initially it can be quite difficult getting the team to act as one person."

This is the lighter side of tug-of-war. But it is taken very seriously by the 2,000-plus members of the Tug-of-War Association. This was started in 1968 by seven clubs — now there are 166 clubs in Britain.

Club members train two or three times a week, do circuit running to build up strength in the legs, and practise by pulling large blocks of concrete up a gantry or over a branch of a tree. They pull regularly at local competitions and get asked to do demonstrations or organise competitions at fêtes, fairs and festivals.

Peter Craft, the secretary of the association, has pulled since he was a lad, and his son Duncan, now 26, is following in his footsteps. "There certainly is a technique, and new lads who come to the clubs often make fools of themselves first time, before they are taught how to do it properly.

"The best thing to do is to dig your heels in and lean back at a 45-degree angle. Then the power goes through the arms, legs, feet and into the ground.

"It's important to wear a good quality rugby shirt, otherwise the rope will rub you sore. The material cushions the pain. It does hurt if the pull lasts for over eight minutes. But once through the pain barrier, you're fine."

So what makes a perfect puller? You must be determined, like a bulldog. Mr Craft reckons the best weight at which to pull is about 12 stone 8lb, "but you do get light chappies who are very useful when the team is overweight".

To pull you have to be in a certain weight group, and the art is getting as close as possible to the specified weight. Gloves are not worn, but pullers are allowed to rub their hands in a mix of powdered resin and petrol. Every club has its own mixture, whose proportions are kept a close secret. The consistency of the resulting "glue" can be anything from syrup to porridge.

"What a good puller needs," Mr Craft says, "is a bit of character. After that, it's all down to teamwork."



Political manoeuvring: the Lord Commons secretaries and



You need hands: blister inspector, resin and petrol mixture

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WHAT TO WEAR

They're off! And the smartest money's on the dress doctor





LEFT

Standing, from left: Maggie Heath wears a seven-year-old, reworked Caroline Charles pink tailcoat jacket, black Parisienne skirt, black shoes by Footloose, Laurence Coste "glass" pearl jewellery, to hire from The Fashion Clinic; hat by Gilly Forge, £250 (available from her studio, 14 Addison Avenue, London W11, 071-603 3833). (Alterations to clothes cost £19.50 for shoulderpad reduction or sleeve reworking, £13.50 for skirt shortening, £24 for sides to be taken in). Sally Simpson wears a lavender and white linen dress (£55 to hire, £180 to buy) and lavender and white checked linen jacket (£59 to hire, £219 to buy), from The Fashion Clinic; her own hat by Herbert Johnson.
Debbie Selinger wears her beige wedding suit by Escada, reworked by The Fashion Clinic, Marks & Spencer ribbed top, shoes by Casadei from Harrods, hat by Gilly Forge, £250.
Seated, from left: Shirley Shelley wears navy blue suit from The Fashion Clinic (£79 to hire, £299 to buy), her own white body, Gilly Forge navy straw hat, £230. Sandra Bull wears canary yellow linen dress (£69 to hire, £235 to buy), navy straw hat (£68 to buy, £25 to hire), from The Fashion Clinic.

ABOVE

Left: Maggie Heath wears her own cyan blue short-sleeved Max Libretti linen jacket, reworked by The Fashion Clinic, Parisienne skirt, black straw ostrich-trimmed hat by Herbert Johnson. Glass Laurence Coste "pearls" to hire from The Fashion Clinic or direct from the designer at 4 Queens Elm Square, London SW3 (071-352 8464). Right: Shirley Shelley, owner of The Fashion Clinic, wears two-piece lime green suit with black spots (£79 to hire, £519 to buy); black straw hat with green bow (£38 to hire, £78 to buy).

Pictures by Martin Beddall; styling by Becky Bain.

Would any self-respecting woman dare to turn up for the racing calendar's smartest fixture wearing last year's dress? The answer is yes, if she is a client of The Fashion Clinic, where Shirley Shelley remakes, remodels and revamps designer clothes that have been photographed by one paparazzo too many.

Clients of a certain Fulham shop can enter the Royal Enclosure wearing last year's outfit and a confident smile, as Josephine Fairley reports

"It would be easy to wander down Sloane Street and spend £1,000 on an Ascot outfit," observes one elegant, long-term client, Maggie Heath (seen here wearing a Caroline Charles tailcoat and a Max Libretti linen jacket, both subjects of a Fashion Clinic "makeover"). "But that doesn't make you feel terribly clever and frankly, in this day and age, it's just plain wasteful. It's far more of a thrill to have something beautifully altered out of all recognition."

For two years, at her dress-shop-with-a-twist, Mrs Shelley and her team of nimble seamstresses have been doing just that: chopping off skirts, replacing buttons with gleaming French versions, streamlining *Dynasty*-style shoulderpads, perhaps even unpicking and starting from scratch with a favourite fabric. (Not to mention tinkering with waistbands in line with the calorific whims of their owners).

Among the slim address books that contain the Fashion Clinic's number is that of Susan Sangster, widely acknowledged as the chic-est woman in the paddock, and a loyal client since the days when Mrs Shelley worked from her Fulham home nearby. But it is not only high-profile couture that enjoys an image overhaul; the sort of fashion catastrophes that feature in every woman's wardrobe get a rework, too. Debbie Selinger, married to talent agent Dennis Selinger, recalls a long knitted suit with a disastrously droopy hem that hung unworn in her closet until Mrs Shelley got her hands and her box of pins on it, transforming it into an outfit "which now, everyone imagines must be Chanel". Following that serendipitous introduction to the Fashion Clinic, Mrs Selinger pleaded with her to do something with a beige Escada wool suit she'd proudly worn for her wedding, but never since. "At the time, I thought it was a classic purchase. But when I got it out of the wardrobe, I couldn't believe I'd ever worn shoulder-pads that big; they made me look like an American footballer." It is now, she observes, a dazzlingly chic, slimline suit eminently worthy of the Royal Enclosure.



Astonishingly, Mrs Shelley has no formal fashion training, though she did study fine art at St Martin's School of Art before moving into interior design. "I suppose I just have an eye," she observes modestly. But during her marriage to racehorse trainer Shaun Shelley, she learnt first-hand that racing women (who may attend dozens of race meetings in the course of a year) are far from immune to clothes crises — thereby pinpointing a ripe business opportunity. Now she has expanded to include the hire of both extravagant ballgowns and snappy day-wear. In fact Sally Simpson, another longstanding fan (whose brother trains horses), will be renting her lavender linen outfit for Ascot for the less-than-pricely sum of £55 for the dress, £59 for the jacket. "For me, that's the perfect answer for this season: I don't want to *buy* something while all the designers are dithering over skirt lengths," she says.

She could, in fact, hire everything but her shoes and her underwear: the list of what's for hire includes costume jewellery from Laurence Coste and straw hats. Fall in love with a particular item, though, and it can be yours: while the Ascot-going quintet pictured here was spilling out of the dressing rooms in preparation for the photo session, a male dropped by to make the romantic gesture of writing out a cheque to buy the dress his girlfriend had hired for a ball the previous weekend, "because she looked so beautiful in it".

It is hard to divine, meanwhile, whether Mrs Shelley is fonder of hemlines or deadlines: she appears to thrive on other women's what-to-wear nightmares. She once dispatched a motorbike messenger with a beaded evening gown, after Mrs Selinger emerged from her dressing room in jeans believing she was going to a film preview, to encounter her husband immaculately attired in black tie, dressed for a royal film premiere. As Mrs Simpson observes, "hiring things gives you a chance to try things you might never otherwise wear, without making a huge investment and risking a huge mistake. It also gives the illusion you have a vast wardrobe, as you're never seen in the same thing twice."

Mrs Shelley also acts as a shopping consultant, helping women to avoid precisely the sort of expensive fashion errors she is so expert at correcting. Among those whom she regularly accompanies on forays to London's top department stores — adding 20 per cent to the final bill by way of her commission — is Tennessee-born Sandra Bull.

Mrs Bull, who will be accompanying her "racing-mad" husband Jeremy Bull to Royal Ascot wearing the canary yellow linen Fashion Clinic dress (which she dithered over hiring and has now bought), was first propelled in Mrs Shelley's direction by a friend, following a successful diet. More than two dozen of her Escada and Antoinette outfits have now been scaled down two full dress sizes.

"She's a godsend," maintains Mrs Bull. "Who could afford to replace that many clothes?"

The glimmer of light now spied at the end of the recessionary tunnel should not, however, spell a downturn for the Fashion Clinic's fortunes. "The days of frittering money on clothes are over for most women," observes Mrs Heath. "There are just better things to spend money on — and more efficient ways of getting value out of your wardrobe."

Which is why the snippet of insider information being pencilled in the margin of racecards this week is less likely to be the name of the dead-cert winner of the Royal Hunt Cup than a hot tip about a Fulham-based dress doctor.

● *The Fashion Clinic, 180 Wandsworth Bridge Road, London SW6 2UF (071-736 4425). Royal Ascot is from June 15-18.*

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...rt in an annual charity tug-of-war. **Mary Wilson** takes the strain



DENZIL McNEELANCE

... of Commons secretaries and assistants get in some training for Monday's event in aid of the Macmillan fund



...— a resin and petrol mixture gives some protection

Learning the ropes

☐ **Where to see it:** Lords vs Commons, Monday, 7pm, Abingdon Green (opposite Westminster Abbey). The national championship takes place next weekend at Andover, Hampshire. The winning team will take part in the European championships at Minehead, Somerset, September 23-26.

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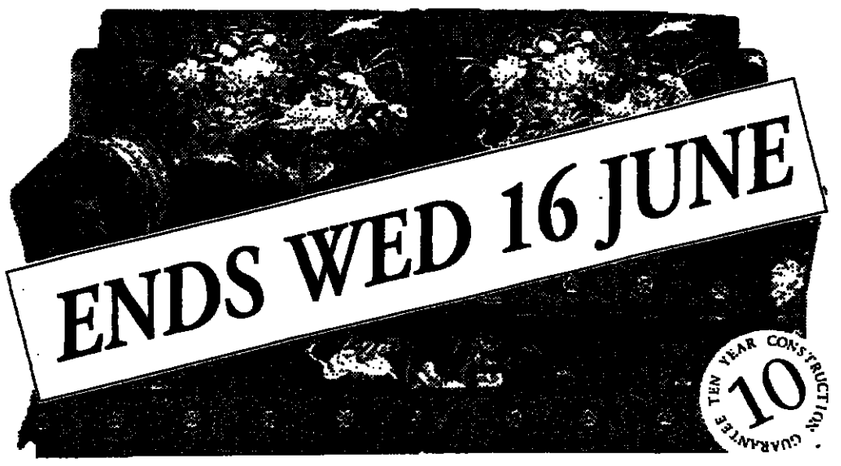
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Something decidedly odd has come over visitors to Rangers House in Blackheath, southeast London. Instead of standing back and admiring the remarkable collection of Jacobean paintings, they squint at the door locks and kneel on the floor to inspect the tiny wooden pegs between the boards.

The culprit responsible for this outbreak of obsessive observation is Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage, who has just opened a museum of architectural fittings in the coach house adjacent to the main building. The symptoms are in fact positive because they indicate that people are beginning to appreciate the less obvious aspects of their surroundings.

An Aladdin's cave of bits and pieces salvaged from London homes — mainly before 1840, but occasionally beyond — the museum offers a picture of the evolution of the town house, and the chance to pick up tips on how to return it to its original decorative state.

Formed in 1903 with material assembled by London County Council architects, the collection was later taken over by the Greater London Council and widely added to during the century's two major periods of demolition: after the second world war and during the 1960s. With the demise of the GLC in 1986 it passed to English Heritage, and had spent its time in various basements until the present project gave it new life.

Here, on sliding screens and inside glass-topped drawers, dozens of the familiar details we often ignore can be inspected. Ceiling mouldings and banisters are presented in dramatic cross section, one side clean, the other coated with multiple layers of paint.

Another group includes details not visible to the naked eye, such as chimney pots with patterns pressed into the wet clay, and a cast-iron reinforcement for one of the Doric capitals which graced the façade of the Chinese embassy.

Wallpaper fragments illustrate aspects of decoration long covered up or removed, and can make for great surprises. What appears to be an "op art" design, salvaged from Maddox Street, London W1, in fact dates from the 1850s. "I have taken off up to 22 layers in a given house," Treve Rosoman, the curator, says. "They give a complete decorative history."

The museum also shows the extent to which changing styles were determined by factors other than taste. For example, elegant Georgian windows with wooden frames sunk into the brickwork follow the specifications of an 18th-century Building Act, and are an attempt to minimise the risk of fire, a constant fear since the Great Fire of London in 1666.

Finally, the visitor learns of the sacrifices made by members of the building trade in pursuit of their respective crafts. Glass-blowers rarely lived beyond 40 because their lungs burst; wallpaper printers often went blind; builders died from hernias, and their wives often took to the streets.

How does the aspiring conservationist go about returning all that lost detail to his home, once inspired by the museum? This is where things start to get difficult. Whereas in the 18th century each floor in a house would have a special function — one for eating, one for sleeping, a third "for company", a fourth, underground, for the kitchen and a fifth on the top for the servants' sleeping quarters — nowadays the same house could be split into five flats. Nobody could expect one resident to be confined to a lifestyle "below stairs" while another lords it on the main floor.

Even if the main-floor resident were to feel superior as he leans on his grand mantelpiece, it is unlikely to be the original because, being the one which was used most in the old days, it will probably have been replaced at least once. Philip Davies, English Heritage's regional planner for London, adds a cautionary thought when he points out that "a high percentage" of period chimneypieces are stolen.

The best way to approach the Rangers House display is therefore as a source of inspiration for the living, modern home rather than as a blueprint for recreating the past. It is a more fitting tribute to the long-dead craftsman to take one of his creations and give it new life in the real world, rather than in a pastiche of the old.

One recent example of a top quality historic item being absorbed in this way is the Georgian portico recently rescued from a stately home in Neuagh, co. Tipperaray. Now it has pride of place as a centrepiece for the spanking new, modernist, Irish Life Insurance company building in Dublin. The same can be done for inferior details, such as Georgian door handles and ornamental ironwork. Let's hope that by the end of the century architectural historians are talking about the "Rangers House effect" on taste and design.

● *The Architectural Study Collection, Rangers House, Blackheath (081-853 0035) is open 10am-1pm and 2-6pm, seven days a week.*

Buying up the bygones

☐ **Sources:** *The Salvo Directory* lists and categorises some 2,000 dealers in architectural antiques and reclaimed building materials in Britain and Ireland. £5.95 annually, *Salvo* also offers to locate specific items for you at £10 per item. Salvo, PO Box 1295, Bath BA1 3TJ (0225 445387).

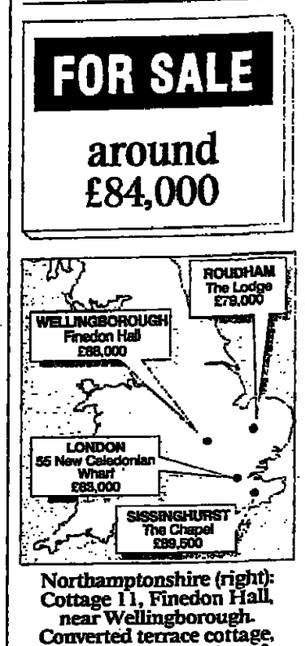
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☐ **Wallpapers:** Hamilton-Weston, specialists in 18th and 19th-century wallpaper reproductions, can recreate a room from a tiny fragment of earlier wallpaper, as long as there is enough to replicate one full pattern (at least £1,000 to recreate a room). Also has a private wallpaper museum at 18 St Mary's Grove, Richmond, Surrey TW9 1UY (081-940 4850).

☐ **Theft:** Philip Davies of English Heritage is trying to persuade dealers to comply with a code of practice whereby architectural items valued at more than £500 are offered with certificates of provenance.

☐ **Auctions:** Bonhams of Chelsea has auctions of fireplace furniture and light fittings (071-351 7111), as do Christie's Wroteham Park (071-389 2085) and Sotheby's Billingshurst (0403 783933).

Cheryl Taylor puts a hall cottage, wharf flat, 18th-century lodge and Wesleyan chapel on this week's shopping list





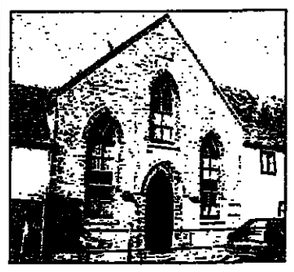
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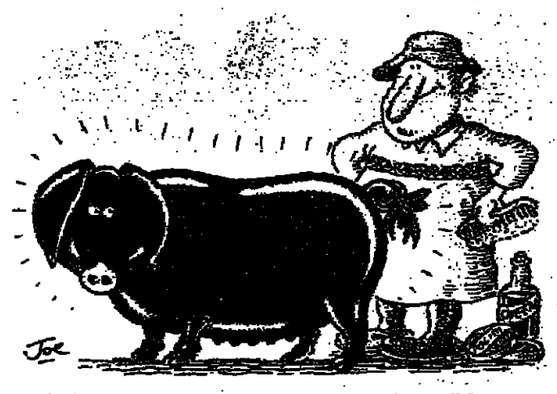


I made a rare appearance at our county show this week. In past years, I have not exactly gone out of my way to avoid it, but have always felt I had better things to get on with. Many of these shows are becoming like our high streets; see one and you have seen them all. There is acre after acre of farm machinery so huge that it gives me a headache to think of the number of horses you would need to pull it; and the hats and frocks which congregate round ponies polished to such a finish that it is a wonder they do not slip on themselves have me pulling my flat cap hard down and heading for the hills.

But this year our county show did stage something so remarkably different that I was persuaded to attend, complete with our cart-horse, Blue. They held a cavalcade of vintage horse-dawn implements all pulled by Suffolk Punches; a circus of Suffolks, with their rich chestnut colourings filling the show-ring like treacle in a tin.

I had a couple of hours to kill and was inevitably drawn to the livestock. It is a humbling experience for a man who considers himself to be a less than average farmer to come eye to eye with stock of such magnificence. I never knew cows could be brushed till they dazzled; or that bulls could be fed to such mighty proportions and still be led placidly by a girl who looks as though she weighs less than one of their eyelids. Nor, thankfully, does Alice, our Large Black sow, know that black pigs can be burnished till they gleam like the bonnet of a hearse. Alice, like me, has always preferred to wallow in her homely mire rather than brave the county-show circuit.

Anyway, I have never been convinced that looks alone are a measure of anything when it comes to farm animals. On our farm, willingness to co-operate is more valuable than all the silver cups ever made; but stock never seems to be judged on that basis. For example, our old horse, Star, looks a fright in the summer. He suffers from a common equine complaint called "sweet-itch"; an allergy to midge bites causing afflicted horses to rub themselves, sometimes till they are raw. Of course, we treat him (there is no absolute cure); but despite his affliction he never fails to obey the commands to "stand-still-ol' hoss" even if in the midst of a swarm of his tormentors. Even when dying to



rub to alleviate his irritation he will still walk staight and true down the rows of mangelwurzels, drawing the hoe. But there are no prizes for valour, only looks.

Being at a show is a heady experience and a small farmer can get carried away, because everything at shows is run as if it were a division of EuroDisney; straw is never allowed to become stale and discoloured, droppings are whisked away by stockmen with the swiftness of a parlour maid clearing the tea tray. In the rings the grass is tended and manicured and every weed banished. There are no clumps of nettles growing round rusty old ploughs, no forgotten and rotten bales of straw, no escaped chickens stealing the corn, no cats having kittens in the milk-churn.

Carried along by these fairytale sights, I imagined myself to be the complete gentleman farmer, like the ones with the bowler hats and badges who are in charge of these events. I would have an elderly but faithful old stockman, probably called Arthur; and in my perfect world he would come up to the "big house" in March to discuss my plans for the year's showing. It would become a tradition that I would offer Arthur a glass of sherry, but that would be the limit of our familiarity.

"Have Alice ready for the Royal," I would ask him. Arthur would then do nothing else for the next four months but bring her to the peak of porcine perfection. Of course, I would collect the cups and the prize-money, which would go to pay for Arthur's sherry the following year.

I was brought to my senses by the clock and, taking on the identity of a somewhat less able Arthur myself, I took a brush to Blue, noticing how much less shiny he looked than all the others.

"Won anything?" asked a voice over the stable door. "No," I replied, "and I haven't lost anything either." The chap looked at me, decided he knew me and then, with a beguiling mixture of insult and compliment, announced: "You may be one o' them TV chaps but your pair of hosses don't half pull steady."

That was sufficient prize for us that day. Or any day.

Ospreys show their talons for survival

After 20 years of osprey-watching, ***Jim Crumley*** *is still* utterly bewitched — and occasionally baffled



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Grace and danger: once the victim of human predators, the elegant osprey is itself a fierce killer with sharp talons and immaculate timing

Ten o'clock at night on a high bank of the Highland edge, that no-man's landscape, neither mountain nor lowland, which rims much of the southern and eastern Highlands of Scotland; midges swithering up out of the still-clenched bracken, their blood-lust not yet fully roused. Daylight lingers on and on, and the badgers (which are one of the two reasons for being here) are late, if they're coming out at all. You can never tell with badgers, or at least I can't, but I'm new to their guessing game.

The other reason for being here has riveted me to this landscape for 20 years, as unfailing as midges, and nothing short of a natural phenomenon — ospreys.

The female sits in a fortress of branches 150ft above the woodland floor (the re-shaped crown of a monumental fir), probably on two eggs. She is a little late this year because last year's fortress lies where the winter's rage of winds left it, which is 150ft below her and in splinters. So the fortress building had to begin again from scratch.

Three more monumental trees to the left (three of a stand of seven in an old and lovingly unmanaged wood), on the topmost branch of the tallest, the very summit of the wood, her mate is eating a fish supper. He is high enough for the light of the sunken sun to show pale gold on white breast and head feathers. A late homing crow aims a passing swipe at him. He ducks, glares, resumes his meal.

She slips off the nest suddenly, vanishes behind the dark bulk of it, reappears climbing hard and fast and high enough into the wood's airspace to glow pink at the top of her climb. Then the wings fold and she is a hurtling stone. The trees rush up at her, then consume her.

I can guess the next bit, having watched it several times at closer quarters than this. She has in her sights a dead branch still attached to its parent tree. A few feet above it she will throw her wings back and her legs forward. She will grasp the branch as she flies and the theory is that her momentum will snap it off. In practice it usually works. Failure can be messy and undignified, but nothing worse.

She emerges from the woody depths clutching a branch as long as her wingspan, perhaps 5ft. The climb up to the nest is laborious, but just as she reaches it the branch falls from her grasp, and falls to the woodland floor. In an instant it is forgotten, and she goes back to her eggs and sits. Watching ospreys is never dull, occasionally baffling.

Ospreys were hounded, shot and poisoned out of the Highlands by the Victorians, doomed by the turn of the century, done for by 1910. But through the 1930s some perverse instinct of nature's limitless capacity for forgiveness tugged them back, solitary and speculative wanderers at first, until a pair finally bred on Speyside in the 1950s and pinned a new mecca to the



High-rise: osprey's nest

bird map of Britain — Loch Garten.

Through fits and false starts and many alarms, and with the wholly praiseworthy devotions of the RSPB, the birds have prospered famously, spreading north, west, and as far south from their Speyside stronghold as the fringes of the Central Belt, and providing rife optimism of breeding soon in the Borders; who knows, there may be English ospreys before long.

Statistically, they grow impressively. Last year, of 76 territorial pairs, 45 bred successfully, producing 101 young. "That", says Dave Mitchell of the RSPB's Scottish HQ in Edinburgh, "is not only the highest total since re-colonisation, it is almost certainly the highest in the last 200 to 250 years."

The sustained energies of the RSPB's Operation Osprey have cut human predators too. Five nests were robbed last year, the lowest figure in 30 years, and so far none at all this year, despite the bird's increasing visibility (pylon nests, for example, and at least one nest site visible from a lay-by on the A9).

The challenge which remains is to edge the birds back into their historic heartland of Sutherland and Wester Ross, where overgrazing, the destruction of woodland and the effects of pollutants on the fish stocks have not enhanced the natural environment in the last 200 years.

On my bank above the badger set beside the wood on the Highland edge, I turn over 20 years of osprey memorabilia. I remember the early days, the nest 15ft off the ground, through the night watches by a flimsy tent with primitive, allegedly two-way radios, armed with a spotlight and a loud-hailer to fend off intruders (they were used twice, and they worked).

An RAF helicopter ferried in a hide, lowered it in sections into a woodland clearing from which it was manhandled a quarter of a mile and assembled. The ospreys gave us one year's use out of it then moved to another tree. The hide is still there, contemplating a rotting pine.

There are a thousand images of the birds fishing, as spectacular a Highland showpiece as golden eagles displaying or red deer rutting. The most vivid is of a huge female fresh from Africa, shouldering her way through a blizzard 20ft from my lochside perch with a three-pounder thrashing at her feet. She appeared as wraith, became substance, then wraith again as the blizzard shrouded her. What does a trout make of that, dying in a blizzard 50ft above a forest?

Eleven o'clock. The badgers have not emerged, the male osprey has finishing eating and now stands dark and still as a twig. His mate is indistinguishable in her fortress. Of all my watching in all my years of any bird, beast, flower or fly, nothing I know in all nature is as inexplicably good as this.

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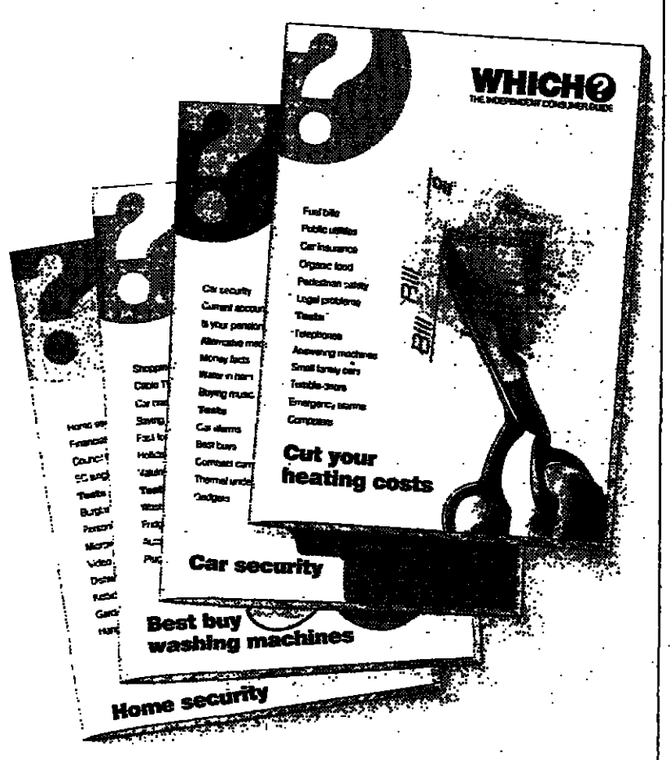
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In one sense, classical music is sweeping the nation. The success of the radio station Classic FM in its first year has been astounding. The snobs and the pundits have eaten their words. Just as astonishing has been the way in which certain classical records have achieved pop-music sales and soared high in the charts. Classical music is increasingly used in films, in television series and in commercials. A select few of the top musicians really are household names now. Some of them even deserve to be.

One or two cities have gone classics-crazy: who would have thought, 20 years ago, that Birmingham would build itself one of the finest concert halls in the world, and attract one of the finest conductors, Simon Rattle? A famous 19th-century German composer once sneered that Britain was "a land without music", and he was not far wrong. That is not true today.

And yet . . . many would-be classical fans are still daunted by the "mystique" surrounding the subject. The history and centuries-old tradition of classical music, its codes and customs — all this stands as a barrier between newcomers and their enjoyment. Or so it is perceived.

Perhaps the insecure turn to the record catalogue for guidance, and find instead a hundred different recordings of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. How on earth to choose? Is the Hicksville Philharmonic conducted by Studs Stetson going to be as ghastly as first impressions might suggest, or are they unsung heroes? No wonder that many people end up buying "compilation albums" of bits and pieces. They are fine in their way. But a superbly prepared meal should surely be consumed with gusto in its entirety, not nibbled on a teaspoon.

Or perhaps the would-be classical fans buy specialist music magazines, and find themselves bamboozled by jargon-infested critic-speak. You know the kind of thing: "more of an *allegretto* than a true *andante* here"; or "the theme takes on a *mixolydian* hue in the recapitulation"; or "only a true *heldentenor* would be comfortable in that *tessitura*". Sometimes, music journalists appear to want to keep intruders out of their little club, not to entice newcomers in.

Of course there is a place for specialist writing about music, and *The Times* upholds the belief, on its arts pages every day, that serious music-making demands serious reporting and analysis. But equally, there must be a "way in" to classical music for those who have heard a little, liked what they have heard, but don't really know how to take the next step on the voyage of musical discovery. If this welcoming hand is not extended, classical music will wither and die for lack of new audiences.

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CD DIRECT

Today *The Times* launches CD Direct as a modest way of doing something about this. We want to cut through the mystique, and offer a direct path to enjoyment. Each month we will choose a performer whom we believe to be at the pinnacle of musical achievement. This month the choice is the exciting Latvian conductor Mariss Jansons. Until comparatively recently, his brilliance must have been one of the best-kept secrets in music; now, however, he is being acclaimed wherever he conducts.

Later this year we will be focusing upon the extraordinary violin virtuoso Gidon Kremer and the peerless cellist Heinrich Schiff. We will not hype the unworthy or the superficially glamorous at the behest of the sharp-suited agents and image-makers who now infest the music business. But we will try to convey something of the magical quality that we find so exciting in a chosen musician's concerts and recordings.

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Mesmerised by the sound of a daredevil

The Latvian conductor Mariss Jansons, our first CD Direct choice, offers a stunning fusion of flair and finesse, writes **Richard Morrison**

If you ask why I think Mariss Jansons is one of the most exciting conductors in the world today — about ten times more exciting than a whole batch of baton-bearers who are ten times more famous — I will reply with a tale of four orchestras. Back in the early 1980s, idly channel-hopping in front of the television, I came across a performance of Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony. This is a work that all professional orchestral musicians can play in their sleep, which is exactly the way it often sounds. But a young conductor was making the BBC Welsh Orchestra play like demons. I stopped channel-hopping and grabbed *Radio Times*.

His name was Mariss Jansons. The surname seemed familiar: Arvid Jansons had been a distinguished Latvian conductor who had worked often with the great Leningrad Philharmonic Orchestra. Mariss proved to be his son. He too had left Riga to train and work in Leningrad.

That seemed symbolic of the style of his music-making. Even then it was imbued with a daring — a willingness to push beyond the boundaries of what was "safe". Yet it was also executed with tremendous concern for detail and subtlety. Some years later I asked Jansons whether he felt his dual upbringing had played any part in shaping his musical personality. "I would say my mentality is typically Latvian," he replied. "Disciplined, determined not to be lazy, always 'correct'. In some ways the Russian temperament is opposite. But when I went to the Leningrad Conservatoire I discovered the best side of Russians: the open-mindedness, the emotionality. Perhaps I took all this into myself."

Back to the tale of four orchestras. In the mid-1980s a critic from Another Newspaper bounded up to me. "You must listen to the new recordings by the Oslo Philharmonic," he trilled with girlish enthusiasm. "They're surprisingly good." Naturally I suspected a trick: a ruse to waste a rival journalist's time. I made a point of not listening for months. The Oslo Philharmonic? Who they?

I was utterly wrong, as I later realised. Jansons had taken over what was, up until then, a second-division orchestra, and had effected a wondrous transformation on the Norwegians. Here was playing of a sensuality and control that would be envied by far more famous orchestras. Why was this conductor not better known?

That is a question which still puzzles. If fine musicianship, a modest manner, a cultured mind and enormous respect from colleagues were all it took to win the glittering prizes of musical life, the Latvian would have swept the board years ago. Unfortunately, what they don't teach you in the music conservatoires — or perhaps they do now — is that it also helps to possess ruthlessness, rat-like cunning and an ego the size of the Eiffel Tower.

Nice Mr Jansons falls down miserably in these departments. And having your early career managed by the granite-faced gentlemen in the Kremlin was no lucky break, either.

But cream will eventually rise. The third orchestra in the tale is the Royal Concertgebouw of Amsterdam. In May 1989 it came to the Barbican in London for a concert. Or rather, it nearly didn't. The flight was delayed, the players had to miss their lunch (never a good plan), they scrambled through a hasty rehearsal minutes before the audience arrived . . . and proceeded to give as fine a performance of Sibelius's Second Symphony as I have ever heard.

> 'Why has it taken so long for the world to discover this remarkable musician?'

It was a masterclass in orchestral craft, and the principal lesson was delivered by the conductor, Jansons. He interpreted the work with the kind of daring freedom that is only possible from someone with an utterly magisterial certainty about his own conducting technique.

And the fourth orchestra? Once in a long while comes a concert that sends audiences out into the night scarcely feeling the pavement beneath their feet. Such a thing happened at the Edinburgh Festival last August, when Jansons directed the orchestra of which he is now the principal conductor: the St Petersburg Philharmonic.

That evening he seemed to hold the players in a kind of bewitchment. If he had chosen to lead them, like the Pied Piper of Midlothian, out of the Usher Hall and up Princes Street, they would have followed him without question — and probably never have missed a beat. The music-making had an extraordinary expressivity, as if Jansons was improvising on an entire orchestra. Yet there was never a moment of slackness.

The music on the four CDs we have selected shows Jansons at his best: shaping the rich orchestral scores of the late Romantics with a passion that scorches and an intelligence that digs deep. But ultimately, musicianship of this sort transcends verbal explanation. It comes from the heart, and goes to the heart. Hear it for yourself.



Jansons: his superbly confident conducting technique can bewitch an orchestra

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Norman Stone on the decline of Britain as the workshop of the world — in The Culture, The Sunday Times tomorrow

THEATRE: A stilted look at women in love

Hard nuts with soft centres

And All Because The Lady Loves . . .
The Cockpit

KATH is an aeronautical engineer by profession, but is woefully romantic at heart. Chrissie, although she sings slushy golden oldies in a nightclub, spits on love. Meanwhile, Lucy, the apparently self-possessed businesswoman, proves to be a self-sacrificing weakling, especially where her boyfriend is concerned.

The three women are waiting for a wedding, preparing a reception for a friend we never see. In between their disagreements about love, matrimony and the flower arrangements, we glimpse their fantasies about having amorous encounters in restaurants or being Hollywood film stars.

Writer Victoria Worsley is certainly not in love with naturalism. Her characters can suddenly turn into the heroines of *Wuthering Heights* or *Double Indemnity*. Elsewhere, they speak simultaneously, Worsley adroitly orchestrating the dramatic equivalent of an operatic trio. Less successfully, conversations tend to shift into mere wordplay: "Get practical. Get a holiday. Get off my back". "De trop. De rigueur. Derisory." And so on.

The artificiality of the writing is heightened by Worsley's direction, which allows lines to be delivered without feeling. The main action of the party preparations is spread very thin and the piece — like the characters — seems a collage of fragments that does not cohere into a satisfying whole. Heaven knows what the end was about either, with everyone pulling guns and then heaping furniture centre-stage and doing a maypole routine.



Finney: quiet assurance

Nonetheless, the play has humour and snatches of excellence. On the technical side Nigel Prabhavalkar, the set designer, and Charles Balfour, the lighting designer, are a dream. Ruth Lass, cast as Chrissie, looks awkward acting sexy and winking at the audience. She has got a great, smoky voice when she sings, though. Victoria Finney is the best of the bunch, playing Kath with quiet assurance and wit.

Julia Lane has one exquisite solo scene. Caught in a beam of light that reflects back off a hand-mirror, Lucy simply, slowly puts on lipstick. It is a moment of simultaneous peace and unexpected intensity.

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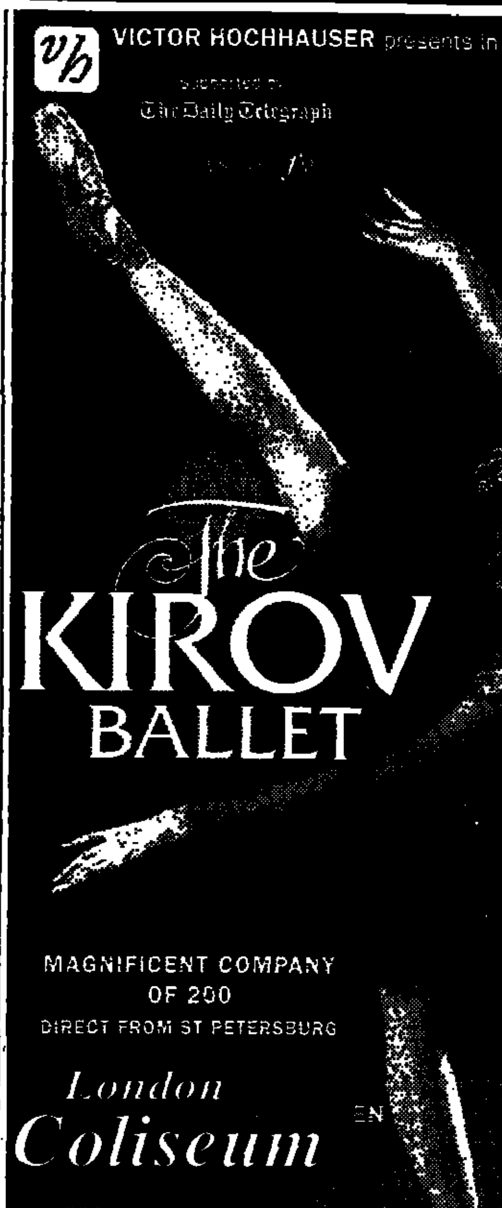
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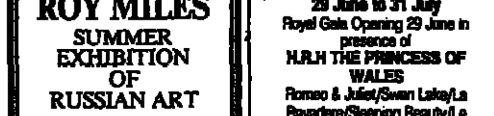
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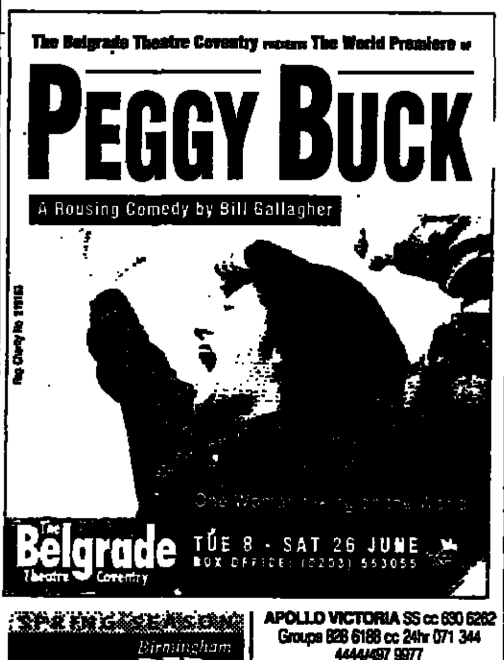
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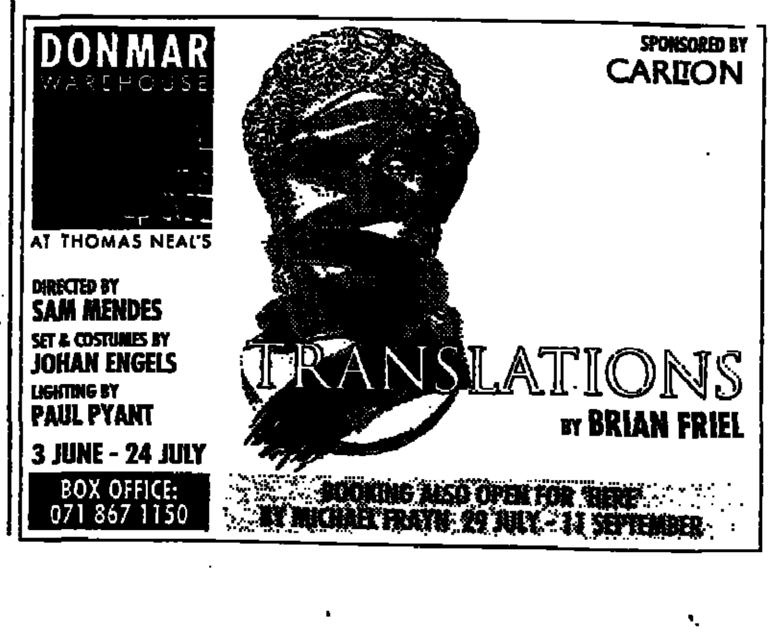
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9.00 Parallel 9. The guests include *Home and Away* actor Richard Norton and conservationist and former *Goodie*, Bill Oddie. Plus details of a competition to spend a day with wildlife film-maker Simon King (s) (81015)
10.30 Trooping the Colour. Julian Tutt describes the scene on Horse Guards parade in London as the Queen takes the salute on her official birthday. The Second Battalion Coldstream Guards troops its Queen's Colour for the last time (s) (58771657) **12.12 Weather** (4834003)
12.15 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **12.25** Racing, a preview of next week's Royal Ascot meeting; **12.35** Motor Racing; round five of the *Autotrader* RAC British Touring Car championship from Oulton Park; **1.00** News; **1.05** Tennis: the first semi-final of the Stella Artois Championship from Queen's Club, London; **3.00** and **4.00** Athletics: the Pearl British championships from Crystal Palace; **4.00** Swimming: the Mycil National championships from Sheffield (30375638)
5.15 News (Ceefax) and weather (4368676)
5.25 Regional News and weather (6265218)
5.30 Cartoon. *Pup's Picnic* (Ceefax) (594218)
5.40 Jim'll Fix It. Sir Jimmy Savile makes dreams come true for the young at heart of all ages. (Ceefax) (s) (682164)
6.15 The Main Event. Frenetic home and studio-based quiz game show hosted by Chris Tarrant. This week, the Ambekar family are supported by the *You Rang M'Lord?* team of Paul Shane, Susie Brann and Jeffrey Holland, while the DuVivier family have the assistance of Norman Beaton, Kim Walker and Ram John Holder from *Desmond's*. (Ceefax) (s) (666855)
7.05 The House of Eliott. A repeat of the second series of the polished fashion drama set in London during the 1920s. (Ceefax) (339980)



Talking shop: Barker and Jason (8.00pm)

8.00 Open All Hours. Granville is having difficulty delivering his orders by bike and tries to persuade his miserly uncle that he should buy a van. Starring Ronnie Barker and David Jason (r). (Ceefax) (1454)
8.30 Birds of a Feather. After Dorien's success at the Chigwell *Antiques Roadshow*, Sharon and Tracey delve through their late mother's belongings for something that may be of value and unearth more than they could have bargained for. Starring Pauline Quirke, Linda Robson and Lesley Joseph (r). (Ceefax) (7779)
9.00 Westbeach. The penultimate episode of the dreary drama about two rival south coast business families. (Ceefax) (s) (965541)
9.50 News (Ceefax) sport and weather (772541)
10.10 That's Life! (Ceefax) (s) (529299)
10.50 Film: Attack Force Z (1980) starring John Phillip Law, Mel Gibson and Sam Neill. Australian-made second world war adventure set in the Pacific. An Allied commando force sets out to save the survivors of a plane that has crashed in Japanese-held territory. Directed by Tim Burstall. (Ceefax) (s) (1174003) **12.20am Weather** (8791139)

BBC2

6.40 Open University: Trading on Uncertainty (9457034) **7.05** Maths (2548724) **7.30** Engineering Mechanics: Solids and Fluids (1004980) **7.55** Holography at Work (4045102) **8.20** Food for Fish Farming (7116638) **8.45** The Great Exhibition of 1851 (4806454) **9.10** Ecology: Ants and Acacias (8946305) **9.35** Science (7393831) **10.00** Engineering Mechanics: Dynamic Analysis (7015676) **10.25** Computing: The Way to Holmes (6541744) **10.50** The Enlightenment: Slaves and Noble Savages (2993657) **11.15** IT in Bank Training (2096744) **11.40** Brazilian Immigrants — In Search of Identity (9736102) **12.05** Exams: A Curious Kind of Ritual (9875909) **12.30** Sexual Selection and Evolution (8425015) **12.55** Ndebele: Women and Art (3574473) **1.20** Genetics: Of Gann and Genes (35141744) **1.45** Race and Education (87788305) **2.10** A Portable Computer Industry (43919305) **2.35** Science in 17th Century England (2667560)
3.00 Film: Madeleine (1950, b/w) starring Ann Todd and Leslie Banks. David Lean's polished re-telling of a celebrated Victorian murder case is being shown in tribute to Ann Todd, a former Mrs Lean who died last month. She plays the daughter of upper middle-class parents who is accused of poisoning her penniless French lover after he tried to blackmail her. (36511980)
4.50 International Tennis. Further live semi-final action from the Stella Artois championship at Queen's Club, London. The commentators are John Barrett, David Mercer, Mark Cox and Paul Hutchins (s) (8961947)
6.20 Scrutiny. Should the activities of political parties be funded by the state? Michael Fairbairn investigates (Ceefax) (251454)
6.50 News (Ceefax), sport and weather (733706)
7.05 Trooping the Colour. Highlights of this morning's ceremony to mark the Queen's official birthday. The Second Battalion Coldstream Guards was trooping the Queen's Colour for the last time before being suspended at the end of the year due to defence cuts. Among those attending with the Queen are the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales and the Grand Duke of Luxembourg (s) (1949183)
8.15 My War Years: Arnold Schoenberg (s) See Choice (3272763)
9.40 The Second Heimat: A New Generation (colour and b/w). *Episode nine of Edgar Reitz's masterly epic of post-war Germany is set in 1965.* Juan is the only one left at the villa. Fräulein Cerphal discovers the facts behind her father's acquisition of the property and decides on his death to sell it and use the capital to travel the world. In German with English subtitles (823657)



Arm of the law: Orson Welles, left (11.40pm)

11.40-1.30am Film: Touch of Evil. See Choice (237522)

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Battle: Wolfgang Rau as Schoenberg (BBC2, 8.15pm)

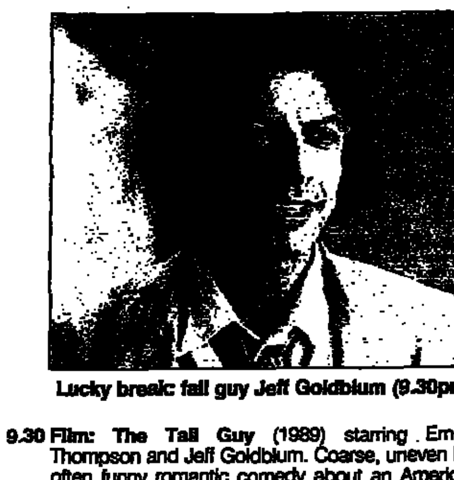
My War Years: Arnold Schoenberg
BBC2, 8.15pm
Schoenberg may have been one of the few Austrian composers to serve in the first world war but this documentary charts a different battle, against audiences and critics outraged by his experiments with a new musical language. The programme concentrates on the period of the Schoenberg revolution, from 1904 to 1923, and charts his lonely and much-derided move to atonality and 12-note composition. It is difficult now to appreciate the passions music could arouse. Schoenberg concerts were ritually interrupted by screaming and whistling and even fisticuffs. The film mixes extracts from key works, conducted by Pierre Boulez and Michael Tilson Thomas, with archive footage of old Vienna and the testimony of Schoenberg's contemporaries, supporters as well as enemies, spoken by actors in period dress. It is a detailed and often moving portrait of an artist who suffered terribly for his art.

Touch of Evil
BBC2, 11.40pm
Orson Welles bade farewell to Hollywood, or rather Hollywood to him, with this stylish, troubling thriller about duplicity and betrayal. Welles, the writer and director, gave Welles the actor the plum role of Hank Quinlan, a grotesquely oversized detective of reliable instinct but dubious methods. Quinlan's amoral charm and the circumstances of his demise recall another Welles creation, Harry Lime. A dark and shifting story sees Quinlan going to the reluctant help of a drugs investigator (Charlton Heston) after a bomb outrage on the American-Mexican border. *Touch of Evil* is a dazzling combination of bravura film technique and larger-than-life characters. It opens with one of the most stunning tracking shots in the history of the cinema. It ends with a famous epitaph on Quinlan, spoken by Marlene Dietrich.

The Best of Cutting Edge: Winning Fortunes
Channel 4, 8.00pm
The *Cutting Edge* retrospective continues with Rob Rohrer's compulsive film about people who have won vast sums of money on the football pools and variously lived to regret it. That is not quite true. One of Rohrer's subjects is a plumber, Alan Hepden, who put most of his £1½ million into savings, went on being a plumber and insists that he is still the same chap he was before. At the opposite extreme we have the riches-to-rags story of Viv ("spend, spend, spend") Nicholson, who blew her fortune on fast living and even faster cars and now lives off her widow's pension. Among the supporting cast is a chap from Barclays Bank who advises pools winners on their finances. All too often, it seems, the jackpot goes to people with little business sense.
Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (7231524)
9.25 Rugby. The first Test between the All Blacks and the British Lions from Lancaster Park, Christchurch, shown live at 3.15am. The commentator is John Taylor (22508454)
11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The *Video Vault* features Prince performing "Alphabet Street" (s) (13473)
12.30 Movies, Movies, Movies. A review of the latest film releases (51589)
1.00 News and weather (69647367) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (69646638)
1.10 Wanted: Dead or Alive. Vintage western adventures starring Steve McQueen as bounty hunter Josh Randall (54292928)
1.40 WCW World Wide Wrestling (1352021)
2.30 International Schoolboy Football. Live coverage from Wembley of the under-15 international between England and Germany. The commentator is John Helm (13949589)
4.45 ITN News, results and weather (1052524) **5.00 London Today** (Teletext), sport and weather (4365589)
5.10 Film: The Trial of the Incredible Hulk (1989) starring Bill Bixby and Lou Ferrigno. Part three of the Hulk saga continues with the unfortunate Dr David Banner being wrongly accused of attacking a young woman in a subway. Strictly for Hulk followers (44168928)
7.00 Stars in Their Eyes. Matthew Kelly introduces five more look-alike showbiz aspirants, hoping to emulate their idols on the ladder to stardom. (Ceefax) (s) (5742)
7.30 The Brian Conley Show. Comedy, humour and music in which Conley is aided and abetted by Fern Britton and John Sachs (s) (367)
8.00 The Bill: Double Take. DI Burnside and DS Greig face an ethical dilemma when an habitual criminal they had under observation is accused of a burglary they know he could not possibly have committed. (Teletext) (8522)
8.30 London's Burning. Drama series about the Blue Watch of a London fire station (r). (Teletext) (41541)



Lucky break: fall guy Jeff Goldblum (9.30pm)

9.30 Film: The Tall Guy (1989) starring Emma Thompson and Jeff Goldblum. Coarse, uneven but often funny romantic comedy about an American actor in London playing the straight man to a successful comedian. As a result of an affair with a nurse he loses his job but thinks his luck has changed when he has an audition for a musical of *The Elephant Man*. Directed by the comedian Mel Smith. (Teletext) (s) (701096)
11.15 ITN News and weather (870725)
11.35 The Good Sex Guide. Margi Clarke's series of advice on pleasures of the flesh (r). (Teletext) (374251)
12.05am The 291 Club. Entertainment from the Hackney Empire (s) (4570987)
1.05 The Big E. Magazine series for young Europeans (s) (2806936)
2.10 Basketball. Action from the NBA league (2158394)
3.10 The New Music. Includes a review of Bob Dylan's 30th anniversary concert in New York (6746665)
4.30 BPM. Dance music (s) (39690)
5.30 ITN Morning News (33435). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (r) (s) (1421096) **6.25 Spiff and Hercules** Feuding cat and dog cartoon series (3706183) **6.40 Alfred J. Kwak.** Cartoon adventures of a musical duck (9442102) **7.05 The Legend of White Fang.** Animated adventures based on Jack London's canine character (r) (6206947) **7.35 King Arthur and the Knights of Justice** Camelot cartoon (1038947) **8.00 Betty's Bunch** New Zealand drama series about a foster mother and her charges (r) (90980)
8.30 World Tennis (99251)
9.00 News (7443928) **9.15 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line** (1187657)
10.00 Trans World Sport (13980)
11.00 Gazzetta Football Italia Paul Gascoigne and James Richardson review Channel 4's award-winning coverage of Italy's Serie A (33744)
12.00 Sign On. *Deaf World — Gestures*, a sign language drama about a partially deaf teenager (32657)
12.30 Kasak. Episode seven of the 20-part Pakistani drama (42831)
1.00 Film: The Rains of Ranchipur (1955) starring Richard Burton and Lana Turner. A weak and unconvincing re-make of *The Rains Came*, about the affair between a British aristocrat's wife and an Indian doctor which comes to a halt with the arrival of torrential rain and an earthquake. With Fred MacMurray, Joan Caulfield and Michael Rennie. Directed by Jean Negulesco (21392744)
2.55 Channel 4 Racing from York. The 3.15, 3.45, 4.15 and 4.45 races (38829819)
5.05 Brookside (r). (Teletext) (s) (9357183)
6.30 Right To Reply. Includes viewer Aaron McCormack challenging the depiction of employment discrimination in Northern Ireland in C4's *Unfinished Business*. (Teletext) (s) (725)
7.00 Women Have No Country An examination of the lives and degrees of independence enjoyed by women in Latvia, the Basque region, Ireland and Wales (4657)



From riches to rags: Viv Nicholson (8.00pm)

8.00 Best of Cutting Edge: Winning Fortunes (r). (Teletext) See Choice (3305)
9.00 The Beiderbecke Connection. Episode three of Alan Plater's affable comedy-drama starring James Bolam and Barbara Flynn (r) (Teletext) (3541)
10.00 Cheers. The penultimate episode of the popular comedy about the staff and customers of a Boston bar. Rebecca rebuffs Sam's advances for the more pleasant arms of a plumber (guest star Tom Berenger). Starring Ted Danson and Kirstie Alley. (Teletext) (s) (82116)
10.30 Film: Danzon (1991) starring Maria Rojo. The *Cinema Cinema!* season continues with the story of a woman's journey of discovery as she travels from Mexico City to Veracruz in search of her dancing partner. Directed by Maria Novaro. In Mexican-Spanish with English subtitles (s) (49330396)
12.25am Hollywood Mavericks. A documentary using film clips, archive material and interviews tracing the story of Hollywood as seen by film-makers who did not fit in with the establishment (r) (5961955)
1.55 Poor Man's Orange. Episode three of the four-part sequel to the Australian-Irish drama *Harp in the South* (r) (8171110). Ends at **2.55**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Car 54, Where Are You? (56270) **6.30** Rin Tin Tin (32541) **7.00** Fun Factory (2985560) **12.00** WWF Superstars (87928) **1.00pm** Rich Man, Poor Man (96676) **2.00** Bewitched (3218) **2.30** The Facts of Life (2218) **3.00** Cartoons (92386) **4.00** Dukes of Hazzard (6541) **6.00** Beverly Hills, 90210 (76812) **7.00** Class of '96 (13367) **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries (22015) **9.00** Cops I (96855) **9.30** Cops II (86657) **10.00** WWF Superstars (12638) **11.00** Entertainment Tonight (70299) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (54612) **6.30** News and Business Report (385744) **9.30** Nightline (95947) **10.00** Dayline (54763) **10.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (64589) **11.00** Dayline (98183) **11.30** Getaway (66947) **12.30pm** Fashion TV (11251) **1.30** The Reporters (12980) **2.30** Nightline (60744) **3.30** Those Were The Days (79763) **4.30** Getaway (1116) **5.00** Live at Five (49541) **6.30** Fashion TV (78763) **7.30** The Reporters (1725) **9.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (69676) **10.30** The Reporters (72928) **11.30** Fashion TV (35909) **12.30am** Getaway (82481) **1.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (48874) **2.30** Fashion TV (81684) **3.30** Target (66329) **4.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (82706) **5.30-6.00** The Reporters (71619)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (8111034)
8.00 Huckleberry Finn (1974): Musical version of Mark Twain's tale
10.00 Treasure Island (1974): Cartoon adaptation (79909)
12.00 Infidelity (1987) Kirstie Alley and Lee Horsley lose their baby (38725)
2.00pm Support Your Local Gunfighter (1971): Comedy with James Garner (36218)
4.00 Sugarland Express (1974): Goldie Hawn springs her husband from jail (6909)
6.00 Mr Destiny (1990): Michael Caine gives James Belushi the chance to live another life (16454)
8.00 American Kickboxer (1991): Rivalry erupts between two champions (28289)
10.00 The Hitman (1991): Policeman Chuck Norris exacts revenge on corrupt partner Michael Parks (655744)
11.35 Catherine Cherie (1982): Erotic adventures of a teenage girl (407454)
1.20am Fear (1990): Psychic Ally Sheedy helps the police to track a killer (227077)
2.55 Assault of the Killer Bimbos (1988): Action-comedy in which two dancers and a waitress are framed for murder (3291139)
4.15 Dead Silence (1991): Three teenagers are involved in a hit-and-run accident (371139). Ends at **5.45**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
4.00pm Harvey (1950, b/w): James Stewart befriends an invisible rabbit (2909)
6.00 The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp (1943, b/w): Soldier Roger Livesey re-examines his career (15273560)
8.05 Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush (1967): A school-leaver is desperate to lose his virginity (39679589)
10.00 Bob and Carol and Ted and Alice (1969): Dated comedy about two California couples (952034). Ends at **11.45**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Scooby Doo and the Reluctant Werewolf Cartoon adventures (81164)
8.00 Abbott and Costello in the Foreign Legion (1950, b/w). Slapstick comedy with Bud and Lou (48744)
10.00 There's No Business Like Showbusiness (1954) Irving Berlin musical starring Ethel Merman (60251)
12.00 The Purple People Eater (1988): Neil Patrick Harris plays an enchanted record and conjures up an alien (36387)
2.00pm Las Vegas Hillbillies (1966): A country bumpkin inherits a casino (27560)
4.00 New York Mounted (1991). Dan Gauthier and Dennis Franz join the mounted police (9251)
6.00 Running Against Time (1990): Robert Hays travels back in time to prevent the Kennedy assassination (14096)
8.00 Doc Hollywood (1991): Michael J. Fox crashes his car and is forced to work in a small-town hospital (19541)
10.00 The Hot Spot (1990). Don Johnson drifts into a sleepy Texas town (12954270)
12.15am Arena (1988). Alien gladiators fight for cash prizes (203481)
2.00 Murderous Vision (1991): Bruce Boxleitner tracks a murderer (90503)

4.00 Janis (1975): Docu-drama about the singer Janis Joplin (17619). Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (72183) **7.00** Stella Artois Tennis (75980) **8.00** Windsurfing (37034) **8.30** World Sports (36305) **9.00** US PGA Golf: Buick Classic (73812) **11.00** The Milk Race (22541) **11.30** Isle of Man TT Update (23270) **12.00** Jack High Bowls (37522) **1.00pm** Sports Saturday (6489522) **6.00** Stella Artois Tennis (72034) **8.00** The Milk Race (73763) **9.00** US PGA Golf: Buick Classic (43522) **11.00** Ringside (85928) **1.00-2.00am** Watersports (63955)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (79116) **8.00** Motorsport (87855) **9.00** Motorcycling (12725) **9.30** NBA Basketball (49367) **10.00** American Basketball Finals (52831) **12.00** ATP Tennis (3493893) **4.00** Athletics (46589) **5.00** Golf: Honda Open (3473) **6.00** Motor Racing: Canadian Grand Prix Qualifiers (51102) **7.00** Basketball (as 10am) (29675) **9.00** Boxing (652693) **12.00-1.00am** Canadian Grand Prix Qualifiers (13526)

UK GOLD
7.00am Michael Bentine's Potty Time (3232676) **7.30** Owl TV (3211183) **8.00** Lassie (4360541) **8.30** Dog House (4369812) **9.00** Jem (4350164) **9.30** The Raccoons (8292183) **10.00** Defenders of the Earth (2649928) **10.30** Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (4399676) **11.00** Film: Indiscreet (1958) starring Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman (10319980) **12.45pm** Film: The Naked Truth (1957) starring Terry-Thomas and Peter Sellers (1776305) **2.15** Bless This House (3230676) **2.45** EastEnders Omnibus (27764299) **5.30** The Chronicles of Narnia (7706763) **6.00** Driving Ambition (6211218) **7.00** Bless This House (4084589) **7.30** Streets Apart (7783812) **8.00** Bergerac (8831657) **9.00** Who Pays the Ferryman? (8811893) **10.00** Film: A Soldier's Tale (1988) starring Gabriel Byrne (8349837) **11.45** Naked Video (1798473) **12.15am** Lazarus and Dingwall (7136974) **12.45-2.00** In Concert: MC Hammer (27899384)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am The Best of Jack in the Box (15473) **7.00** Storybreak (91305) **7.30** The Greatest Tune on Earth (70812) **8.00** Cartoon Classics (79034) **8.30** RatKan II (563560) **11.30** Cartoons (70102) **12.00** Marvel Hour (79522) **1.00pm** Pugwall's Summer (88270) **2.00** 3-2-1 Contact (8560) **2.30** The Barkleys (7560) **3.00** You Can't Do That on Television (4367) **3.30** Round the Twist (9305) **4.00** Electric Stringvest (60725) **5.00** Phoenix Hall (9812) **5.30** Fifteen (8676) **6.00-7.00** Fame (33314)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.10pm Monster Trucks (5104386) **1.50-2.30** Wrestling (6865183) **5.00-5.10** Anglia News (4365589) **12.05am** Film: Vera Cruz (142771) **1.50** Hollywood Report (7570042) **2.20** BPM (2251435) **3.20** The Little Picture Show (3327232) **4.15** The Big E (2220936) **5.05-5.30** On the Live Side (6368874)

BORDER
As London except: 1.10pm Stuntmasters (6825469) **2.00** IndyCar 93 (6386) **2.30** Spanish Goals Extra (8759589) **2.45-4.45** Schoolboy Football (106251) **5.00-5.10** Border News (4365589) **12.05am** Film: Vera Cruz (142771) **1.50** Hollywood Report (7570042) **2.20** BPM (2251435) **3.20** The Little Picture Show (3327232) **4.15** The Big E (2220936) **5.05-5.30** On the Live Side

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.10pm IndyCar 93 (5081831) **2.10-2.30** Cartoon Time (30830134) **5.00-5.10** Central News (4365589) **12.05am** Film: A New Kind of Love (76391139) **2.10** Shannon's Deal (2168771) **3.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (72157348) **3.35** America's Top Ten (57886042) **4.05** Jobfinder (2734874) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (5796110)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.10pm Stuntmasters (6825469) **2.00** IndyCar 93 (6386) **2.30** Spanish Goals Extra (8759589) **2.45-4.45** Schoolboy Football (106251) **5.00** Granada News (6231251) **5.05-5.10** Cartoon Time (6230522) **12.05am** Film: Vera Cruz (142771) **1.50** Hollywood Report (7570042) **2.20** BPM (2251435) **3.20** The Little Picture Show (3327232) **4.15** The Big E (2220936) **5.05-5.30** On the Live Side (6368874)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.10pm IndyCar 93 (54292928) **1.40-2.30** Film: Like Father Like Son (1352021) **5.05-5.10** Cartoon Time (6230522) **12.05am** Film: Vera Cruz (Gary Cooper, Burt Lancaster) (142771) **1.50** Hollywood Report (7570042) **2.20** BPM (2251435) **3.20** The Little Picture Show (3327232) **4.15** The Big E (2220936) **5.05-5.30** On the Live Side (6368874)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Munsters Today (51589) **1.10** IndyCar 93 (54292928) **1.40** Adventure (93928638) **1.50-2.30** Wrestling (6865183) **5.00-5.10** Meridian News (4365589) **12.05am** One to One (1272706) **12.35** The Big E (9494077) **1.30** Film: Concrete Beat (John Getz, Darlanne Fluegel) (11706) **3.00** Basketball (27313) **4.00** BPM (41435) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (31684)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.10pm-2.30 International Three Day Event (9948096) **5.00-5.10** Tyne Tees Saturday (4365589) **12.05am** Film: Shampoo (785400) **2.05** Coach (1381067) **2.35** BPM (3863868) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (7832232) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (8971058)

ULSTER
As London except: 1.10pm IndyCar 93 (54292928) **1.40-2.30** Wrestling (1352021) **5.00** UTV Live (6231251) **5.05-5.10** Cartoon (6230522) **12.05am** Film: Vera Cruz (Gary Cooper, Burt Lancaster) (142771) **1.50** Hollywood Report (7570042) **2.20** BPM (2251435) **3.20** The Little Picture Show (3327232) **4.15** The Big E (2220936) **5.05-5.30** On the Live Side (6368874)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.10pm Out of Limits (35158034) **1.30-2.30** IndyCar 93 (39218) **5.00-5.10** Westcountry Weekend Latest (4365589) **12.05am** Film: Vera Cruz (Gary Cooper, Burt Lancaster) (142771) **1.50** Hollywood Report (7570042) **2.20** BPM (2251435) **3.20** The Little Picture Show (3327232) **4.15** The Big E (2220936) **5.05-5.30** On the Live Side (6368874)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.10pm-2.30 International Three Day Event (9948096) **5.00-5.10** Calendar News (4365589) **12.05am** Film: Shampoo (Warren Beatty, Julie Christie, Goldie Hawn) (785400) **2.05** Coach (1381067) **2.35** BPM (3863868) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (7832232) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (8971058)

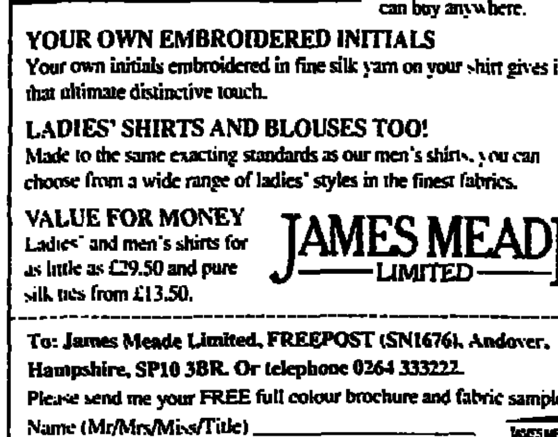
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NETWORK 2
Starts: 9.15 Children's Programmes **12.30** News (85175638) **12.34** Sports Stadium (10291744) **6.00** The Cosby Show (93746947) **6.30** Cursai (84119096) **6.55** News (41810812) **7.00** The Dinosaurs (40573367) **8.00** News (84053582) **8.02** Lotto Draw (84053562) **8.05** Film: Can You Feel Me Dancing? (98115034) **10.45** Film: Station For Two (99149876) **12.20** Close

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RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only until **6.00am**) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** Def Leppard **3.00** Johnnie Walker **5.30** The Saturday Rock Show **7.30** In Concert: Hothouse Flowers **8.30** Loose Talk **9.00** Andy Kershaw, with Bill Kirchin and Paul Brock in session **11.00** John Peel (FM only from **12.00**) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **4.00am** Colin Berry **6.00** Barbara Sturgeon **8.05** Brian Matthew: Sounds of the Sixties **10.00** Anne Robinson **12.00** Hayes on Saturday **1.30pm** The News Huddlines **2.00** Ronnie Hilton: Sounds of the Fifties **3.00** Steve Race **4.00** Ted Heath — The Legacy **5.00** Cinema 2 **5.30** Nick Barraclough with New Country **6.00** Daniel O'Donnell in Concert **7.00** Edmundo Ros **7.30** The Best of Broadway **9.30** David Jacobs presents Easy Does It **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Ronnie Hilton (r) **1.00-4.00** John Terrett with Night Ride

RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until Noon. **6.00am** World Service **6.30** Mark Curry **9.30** Get Set... **10.30** Hopalong Cassidy **11.00** Go! **12.00** Sport on 4 Plus 1 (as Radio 4 at 9.05am) **12.30pm** Sportscall **1.30** Sport on Five. Cricket: Tetley Bitter Challenge: Gloucestershire v Australia. Racing from York; Athletics: Pearl Assurance British championship from Crystal Palace; Tennis: Stella Artois tournament, Dow Classic; Rugby Union: New Zealand v British Lions, Western Samoa v Scotland **5.00** Sports Report **6.06** Six-O-Six **7.30** Afropop Worldwide **8.30** Le Top **9.30** Nightbeat **10.00** Sports Bulletin **10.15** The Way Out **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin, Tips für Touristen **5.30** Jazz Now and Then **5.45** Worldbrief **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** People and Politics **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Worldbrief **10.30** Personal View **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Printer's Devil **11.15** Letter from America **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 3 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.01** Sportsworld **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** Sportsworld **6.00** BBC English **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.01** AD 1789 **8.45** From the Weeklies **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Personal View **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Jazz for the Asking **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** Words of Faith **12.10** Book Choice **12.15** A Jolly Good Show **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** The Ken Bruce Show **2.00** News **2.01** Play of the Week: A Shaft of Sunlight **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Modern Monarchs **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Countdown **12.00** Petroc Trelawny **3.00pm** Nicky Horne **6.00** Classic America **7.00** Introduction to the Opera: Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* **10.00** Six of the Best **12.00-4.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215
6.00am Graham Dene **10.00** Chris Evans **1.00pm** Emperor Rosko **4.00** Dave Fanning **8.00** Kevin Greening **11.00** Tommy Rivers **2.00-6.00am** Sandy Beach

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Arts — The Faust Legend
6.55 Weather
7.00 Record Review, presented by Paul Guinery. J.C. Bach (Symphony in E flat, Op 18 No 1); Schubert (Tantum ergo; Psalm 23); Nino Rota (Trombone Concerto); Brahms (Cello Sonata in E minor, Op 38); Bartók (Five Hungarian Songs); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 20 in D minor, K466) **9.00 News**
9.05 Record Review continues with Anthony Burton. **Building a Library:** Includes reviews of Scarlatti's Sonatas; Kurt Masur's new cycle of Beethoven's symphonies; and Hyperion reaches the half-way stage in recording Schubert's complete songs. **10.35 Record Release:** Lucia Popp, soprano, Graham Johnson, piano, perform a selection of Schubert songs from the recent Hyperion volume; Beethoven (Symphony No 6 in F: Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Masur); Villa-Lobos (Missa São Sebastião: Corydon Singers under Matthew Best); **12.10pm** Anthony Burton talks to Graham Johnson, the man behind Hyperion's project to record Schubert's complete songs; **12.42** Peter Schreier, tenor, Graham Johnson, piano, perform a selection of Schubert songs **1.00 News**
1.05 Solveig Kringelborn, soprano, Ivar Anton Waagaard, piano, perform Grieg (Solveig's Song, Peer Gynt); Adolf Sodermann (Solveig's Lullaby, Peer Gynt); Stenhammer (Margit's Aria, The Feast of Solhaug); Vagn Holmboe (Three Songs, Op 34); Werner Egk (Schlaf nun und ruh dich aus, Peer Gynt); Wolf (Gudmunds erster Gesang; Gudmunds zweiter Gesang, Das Fest auf Solhaug); Grieg (Spillemaend); Delius (Spielmann); Grieg (Margretes vuggesang); Delius (Wiegenlied); Grieg (En fugelvise); Delius (Ein Vogelweise); Grieg (Ku-lok; Song-cycle, Haugtussa)
2.40 Harmoniemusik: Mozart, arr Triebensee (La Clemenza di Tito — excerpts)
3.00 Leonard Bernstein conducts the New York PO. Ives (The Unanswered Question); Berg (Violin Concerto); Copland (Piano Sonata); Carter (Concerto for Orchestra); Ligeti (Atmosphères); Stravinsky (Les Noces); Ives (Central Park in the Dark)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests, with Geoffrey Smith
5.45 Third Opinion: Christopher Cook reassesses classical myths in Roberto Calasso's book *Cadmus and Harmony*
6.30 Prince Igor: Kirov Opera Chorus and Orchestra under Valery Gergiev perform Part One of Borodin's opera. Sung in Russian. With Sergei Leiferkus in the title role. **8.50** The Song of Igor's Campaign. John Klier of University College, London, reflects on the fate of the unique epic from which Borodin drew *Prince Igor*. **9.10** Part Two
10.00 Threading My Way: The poet Kathleen Raine talks to Roberta Berke (r)
10.30 Musica Viva: Hungarian Radio Chamber Ensemble under Diego Masson performs Franco Donatoni (Tema); Luca Francesconi (Da capo)
11.10 Impressions: Brian Morton introduces new and reissued recordings on CD
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** The Farming Week **6.50** Prayer for the Day **6.55** Weather **7.00** Today, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.20** Listeners' Letters **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4
9.30 Breakaway: Eddie Mair with holiday and travel news
10.00 News; Postcard from Gotham, presented by Mark Steyn from the Rockefeller Centre, New York
10.30-12.15pm Trooping the Colour (LW only): Russell Davies begins today's coverage from Horse Guards Parade of the Queen's Birthday Parade with a look back through the BBC archives at the way broadcasters have treated this unique spectacle. At approximately **10.50**, Tom Fleming describes the scene
10.30 Knowing Me, Knowing You (FM only): Conversation with Alan Partridge and guests (r)
11.00 The Week in Westminster (FM only), with Alastair Campbell
11.30 Europhile (FM only), presented by Gordon Clough
12.00-12.25pm Money Box (FM only), with Alison Mitchell
12.15-12.25 Ivor Meets Craig (LW only): Ivor Cutler talks to the sculptor Craig Murray-Orr
12.55 Ukridge, by P.G. Wodehouse. Starring Griff Rhys Jones (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 News 1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Inverness, Scotland, by MPs Diane Abbott and Michael Ancram; Archie Kirkwood, Liberal Democrat spokesman on social security; and Norman Stone, historian (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 Playhouse: Whose Body? by Dorothy L. Sayers. A body is found and a body is lost. But whose body has appeared in a bath in Battersea and where is the body of Sir Reuben Levy? With Gary Bond as Lord Peter Wimsey and John Cater as Bunter (r)
4.00 News; You Know It Makes Sense: A Bouquet for the Nose. The third of six programmes about the human senses. Geoff Watts discusses smell with aromatherapists, scientists and perfumers (r)
4.30 Science Now, presented by Peter Evans
5.00 In the Club: See Choice
5.25 Tea Junction 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News and **Sports Round-Up**
6.25 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news (r)
6.50 Home Truths: Lord Carrington reflects on his life abroad (r)
7.20 Kaleidoscope: Natalie Wheen talks to the conductor Bernard Haitink about his new recording of *Peter Grimes* at Covent Garden
7.50 Saturday Night at the Movies: Double Indemnity. See Choice
9.20 Music in Mind
9.50 Ten to Ten 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Trivia Test Match: Tim Rice and Willie Rushton with Paul Merton and Caroline Quentin. Umpired by Brian Johnston (r)
10.45 Dot Dot Dash: Joanna Buchan looks at shorthand
11.00 Singing for a Living: Nigel Douglas talks to the American mezzo soprano Frederica von Stade (r)
11.30 Winston in Europe (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

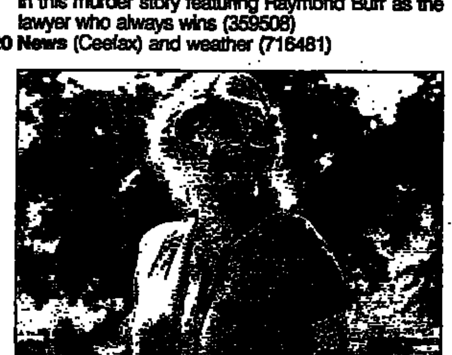
Saturday Night at the Movies: Double Indemnity. Radio 4, 7.50pm.
This is not a radio version of the celebrated 1944 *film noir*, though it sticks fairly closely to it. It is John Fletcher's dramatisation of the James M. Cain murder yarn on which Billy Wilder's film was based. Its cast is mainly American (Frederic Forrest and Theresa Russell play the killer and his accomplice), but our own John Wood has the old Edward G. Robinson role of the wily insurance boss. Next week's *film noir* is *The Postman Always Rings Twice*, another of James M. Cain's thrillers.

In the Club: The Natural World. *Radio 4, 5.00pm.*
Martin Wainwright's series about clubs and societies approvingly pats the enthusiasts on the head. For some reason or other, they also turn out to be nice people, like those he talks to today — members of the society dedicated to the preservation of the hedgehog, and a sound recording man who captures on tape treasures such as the yelp of the fox and the call of the curlew. The hedgehog's friends, 11,500 of them no less, are so proud of their campaigning that they even have their very own club tie.
Peter Davalle

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BBC1

7.00am Ceefax (31752)
7.30 Wiz Bang (r) (s) (9981058) **7.40 Charlie Chalk** (r) (9898394) **7.55 Playdays** (r) (4927752)
8.15 Breakfast with Frost. Including **News** and weather at **8.15** and **9.00** (954936)
9.15 In Touch with Healing. Is there a divine purpose in suffering? (r) (7508955) **9.30 This is the Day.** Tony Phelan meets students from Emmanuel College, Cambridge (s) (44329)
10.00 See Hear! A look at the deaf press (s) (13868)
10.30 France Panorama. Reports from French television (7733690) **10.45 Italianissimo** (r) (7738145)
11.00 Work is a Four Letter Word. Simple techniques for keeping your cool (r) (s) (3619)
11.30 Play it Safe. Accident prevention for children (r). (Ceefax) (4348)
12.00 A Cook's Tour of France. Mireille Johnston visits Limousin and the Auvergne (r). (Ceefax) (s) (24023)
12.30pm CountryFile with John Craven (8494145). Wales: Down to Earth **12.55 Weather** (72269503)
1.00 News (69549771) **1.05 On the Record** with the secretary of state for Northern Ireland Sir Patrick Mayhew (8427622)
2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition. (Ceefax) (s) (14597)
3.00 Film: Finian's Rainbow (1968). Lively musical from director Francis Ford Coppola based on the 1947 Broadway hit. An Irishman arrives in America with a crock of gold which he intends to bury, but he has reckoned without his daughter Sharon and a troublesome leprechaun. With Fred Astaire (aged 69), Petula Clark and Tommy Steele (51222067)
5.15 Daffy Duck Triple Bill. Cartoon antics (3749955)
5.35 Masterchef. Loyd Grossman is joined by the actress and creator of *The House of Eliott*, Jean Marsh, and the chef, Raymond Blanc. (Ceefax) (614394)
6.10 News (Ceefax) and weather (560503)
6.25 Sweet Inspiration. Stephanie Cole reveals her interest in different religions and the hymns which have strengthened her in life. (Ceefax) (s) (971226)
7.00 Passport. Anneka Rice subjects contestants to tough physical and mental tests as they compete for a luxury holiday. This week the destination is Los Angeles, which was hit by the worst storm in 20 years during filming (Ceefax). (s) (639023)
7.50 Perry Mason: The Case of the Silenced Singer. Pop star Vanessa Williams plays singer Terri Knight in this murder story featuring Raymond Burr as the lawyer who always wins (359508)
9.20 News (Ceefax) and weather (716481)



Anguish of guilt: Joely Richardson (9.35pm)

9.35 Lady Chatterley. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (300597)
10.30 Heart of the Matter. Joan Bakewell reports on the incidence of racial attacks in southeast London, talking to victims and calling for the closure of the British National Party's local office (771961). **Northern Ireland:** The Championship 11.20 Heart of the Matter 11.55-12.25 Making Time
11.05 Making Time. First of a series about effective time management (r) (s) (814023). **Wales:** Conference Special
11.35 Seabrook's Year. For shepherd Richard Seabrook, the financial success of a year's work depends on the price he gets for his lambs (r) (247597). **Wales:** Making Time 12.05-12.35 Seabrook's Year
12.05am Weather (9774375). Ends at **12.10**

BBC2

6.15 Open University (37171874)
9.10 Thundercats (r) (7332868) **9.30 Jonny Briggs** (r) (7759042) **9.50 The Movie Game** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (7833058) **10.15 Rugrats** (s) (718936)
10.45 Grange Hill (r) (7736787) **11.00 Blue Peter Omnibus** (s) (9312690) **11.45 The O-Zone.** Today's edition of the music magazine includes singer Neneh Cherry (s) (2356508)
12.00 Regional Westminster Programmes (22665). **Northern Ireland:** Greenfingers; **Wales:** First Sight
12.30 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **12.35** Football: highlights from Rome of the first leg of the Italian Cup final between AS Roma and Torino (8491058); **1.00** Motor Racing: round six of the British Formula 3 championship from Silverstone (35034400); **1.20** (5173416) and **4.00** (4313) Athletics: the Pearl British championships from Crystal Palace; **1.20** (5173416) and **6.00** (54706) Swimming: the Mycil National championships from Sheffield; **2.00** Tennis: the final of the Stella Artois championship from Queen's Club, London
7.00 The Money Programme (460333)
7.40 Transfigured Night. The Brodsky String Sextet (expanded from the Brodsky Quartet) teams up with musicians from the Basle Symphony Orchestra and a cast of actors and dancers for Adrian Marthaler's novel interpretation of Schoenberg's *Verklärte Nacht*. Performed in the waiting-room of Basle railway station, the work is conducted by James Judd (887428)
8.15 Lawless Youth — Villains or Victims? Rounding off the *Crime and Punishment* series comes a *Public Eye* debate held in Feltham Young Offenders' Institution. With a panel of religious and moral leaders before an audience of Feltham inmates, teachers, policemen and social workers who offer their first-hand experiences (552413)
9.05 Canadian Grand Prix. Extended coverage of today's race in Montreal (3647752)
10.35 Moviedrome. Alex Cox introduces a classic double bill. (Ceefax) (829435)
10.40 Film: Escape from Alcatraz (1979). Convict Frank Morris (Clint Eastwood) is determined to escape from "the Rock", America's most secure prison. A gripping drama, based on a true story and ably directed by Don Siegel. Patrick McGoohan co-stars as the ultra-unpleasant warden. (Ceefax) (81402752)



Prisoner of war: François Leterrier (12.35am)

12.35am Film: A Man Escaped (1956, b/w). Tense and inspiring Robert Bresson picture in which a French Resistance fighter attempts to escape from the notorious Fort de Montluc. Based on the real-life tale of André Devigny's flight from a Lyons prison in 1943. (Ceefax) (389511). Ends at **2.15**

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CHOICE

The South Bank Show: Dudley Moore
ITV, 11.35pm

The late scheduling seems bizarre for Moore is hardly some arcane figure who has to be hidden away when few people are watching. On the contrary his story seems perfectly geared to the mass audience, telling how an undersized boy with two club feet from modest suburban Dagenham emerged as a talented musician, engaging comedian and unlikely, but undoubted, international screen star. The one talent Moore does not possess is hanging on to wives. Three have come and three have gone. But those looking for deep psychological explanations will be disappointed. This is a friendly and relaxed portrait, with the subject in genial mood and no shortage of friends and colleagues on hand to say nice things about him.



Tribute to a jazzman: Charles Mingus (C4, 7.00pm)

Sound Stuff: Weird Nightmare
Channel 4, 7.00pm

The music documentary series returns with a film by Ray Davies of the Kinks about the jazz musician Charles Mingus. Profile is not the word for Davies sets out to evoke Mingus through his admirers rather than start with the man. The peg is the gathering in New York of artists from jazz, rock and blues to record a Mingus tribute. Among them are Elvis Costello and two very world-weary Rolling Stones, Keith Richards and Charlie Watts. Their tributes are augmented by those of Mingus's two wives, his son, fellow musicians and the veteran jazz critic Nat Hentoff. We get a sharply-defined picture of an emotional, volatile, honest and courageous man who was determined to push out the boundaries of his art. But it would have been good to have had more Mingus footage.

Lady Chatterley
BBC1, 9.35pm

Bad language is said to provoke more complaints from viewers than anything else on television so on that score the second part of Ken Russell's drama should give little offence. D.H. Lawrence's robust use of four-letter words finds no echo here. The sex scenes may be another matter, though you could hardly tell the story without them. At least the lovers keep most of their clothes on. Indeed for the flamboyant and mischievous Russell this is a muted production, intent on offering a straightforward narrative with the minimum of stylistic flourish. Joely Richardson is excellent in the title role, beautifully expressing the anguish of the guilty affair. But Sean Bean's gamekeeper is a shade too nice. He should be rougher and earthier.

Cheers
Channel 4, 9.00pm

After 11 years, 275 episodes and many awards, time is finally called on the Boston bar comedy. The series signs off in sparkling form. Although confined to virtually a single set, and depending more on one-liners than subtlety of character drawing, *Cheers* has maintained an impressive standard. You usually know what to expect. The pleasure comes from getting it from the well-chosen ensemble. Tonight's final show is largely sustained by the return, after six years away from the series, of Shelley Long's Dianne. Regulars Sam, Norm, Woody, Cliffy, Rebecca and Carla react in their characteristic ways.

Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (9417856)
9.25 Heidi (8905058) **9.50 The New Adventures of Black Beauty** (s) (7374706) **10.20 The Littlest Hobo** (6433771)
10.45 Link. British winners in the 1992 Barcelona Paralympics discuss the future of sport for disabled people. (Teletext) (7650313)
11.00 Morning Worship from Eastleigh Baptist Church, Hampshire (27503)
12.00 Divine Inspiration. The religious quiz today features lay Methodist preacher, Paul Boateng, MP, among the panellists (22619)
12.30pm Crosstalk. Peter Allen hosts the programme looking at politics in London. Today's guest is Nicholas Bethell, Conservative MEP for northwest London (60313)
1.00 News with Tim Ewart (Teletext). Weather (65573431)
1.10 Sunday Supplement. Edwina Currie and a studio audience quiz *Sunday Mirror* editor Colin Myler (s) (3117351)
2.00 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe travels to the Cotswolds and meets Mollie Harris who plays Martha in *The Archers* (2756077)
2.35 Film: Pippi Goes on Board (1968). Children's tale in which the intrepid Pippi Longstocking searches for a suitcase full of gold coins. A Swedish film with English dialogue, directed by Olle Hellbom (4390597)
4.05 Highway to Heaven. Jonathan and Mark help an egotistical Hollywood actor discover a sense of perspective (3737787)
5.00 The $64,000 Question. Quiz hosted by Bob Monkhouse (s) (9868)
5.30 London Tonight and weather (311058)
5.50 News with Julia Somerville (Teletext). Weather (754400)
6.00 US Cup Soccer: England v Brazil. Live coverage from Washington. Rodney Marsh, the former England player now based in America, provides analysis of the game (2232)
8.00 Heartbeat. Drama set in the 1960s about a London policeman transferred to Yorkshire. A series of robberies sweep the village. (Ceefax) (3961)
9.00 Jeeves and Wooster. Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie excel as P.G. Wodehouse's classic comic characters. (Teletext) (7597)
10.00 Aspel and Company. The actor Bob Hoskins joins Michael Aspel to talk about his latest film, *Super Mario Bros.* Plus Robbie Coltrane on his new book and series *Coltrane in a Cadillac* and Rod Stewart singing his latest "Have I Told You Lately" (531145)
10.45 Spitting Image. The 100th edition of the political puppet show (s) (979110)
11.15 News with Julia Somerville. Weather (196139)

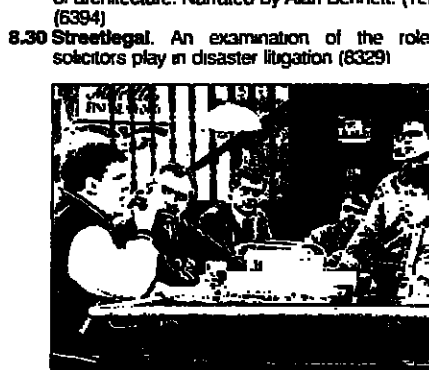


Little man, big talent: Dudley Moore (11.35pm)

11.35 The South Bank Show. See Choice (s) (556394)
12.35am US Cup Soccer: USA v Germany. The 1994 tournament hosts play the World Cup holders in Chicago. Plus highlights from the England v Brazil match (9379714)
1.35 Cue the Music with Billy Ocean (4148191)
2.35 TXT. Music and chat (3843240)
3.35 Snooker. First of the semi-finals of the European Snooker League (905676)
5.30 Morning News (66849). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Trans World Sport (r) (9713232)
6.55 Spiff and Hercules (2500394) **7.10 The Wombles** (r) (1245226)
7.15 Bunch of Munsch (9897856) **7.40 Sharky and George.** Cartoon fish fun (1095232) **8.05 Doug** Animation (2091023)
8.35 The Adventures of T-Rex. New series about heroic cartoon dinosaurs (4799110)
9.00 California Dreams Drama about an aspiring rock band (37597) **9.30 Dennis** (r) (3920752)
9.45 Flipper. The dependable dolphin rescues a puppy from a sinking boat (711023)
10.15 The Lone Ranger (b/w) (809232)
10.45 Land of the Giants. Vintage sci-fi (r) (959481)
11.45 Little House on the Prairie. Caroline Ingalls is anxious to bear her husband a son (955665)
12.45pm Those British Faces: A Tribute to Margaret Leighton First of a short season celebrating British cinema. The actress is remembered through extracts from her films, including *The Winslow Boy*. Narrated by Richard Todd. (Teletext) (655874)
1.15 Those British Faces: The Winslow Boy (1948, b/w). Classic, if dated, drama about a naval cadet's son expelled from school after being accused of stealing a five shilling postal order. Terence Rattigan co-wrote the script from his stage hit and Anthony Asquith directed Robert Donat, Margaret Leighton and Cedric Hardwicke. (Teletext) (27718313)
3.25 American Chronicles David Lynch's film, *Farewell to the Flesh*, about the Mardi Gras festival in New Orleans (r) (s) (7203329)
3.50 Orchestra! First of an eight part series featuring Sir Georg Solti and Dudley Moore (r) (s) (3565690)
4.25 The Christians. First of ten programmes in which Bamber Gascoigne traces the origins of Christianity (r). (Teletext) (3744077)
5.25 News Summary and weather (6145400)
5.30 The Next Big Thing FMB appears on television with producer Pete Waterman (s) (435)
6.00 The Real World First in a 13-part documentary series following the experiences of seven very different young Americans who are invited to live together in a luxury New York apartment (345)
6.30 Press Gang. Lynda wonders whether to publish news of her headmaster's affair (r) (400)
7.00 Sound Stuff (s) See Choice (9955)
8.00 The Long Summer. Series looking at life in Britain between 1919 and 1939. Today's film is about styles of architecture. Narrated by Alan Bennett. (Teletext) (6394)
8.30 Streetlegal. An examination of the role that solicitors play in disaster litigation (8329)



Last orders at the Boston bar (9.00pm)

9.00 Cheers. See Choice (6009955)
10.25 Film: Tin Men (1987). Richard Dreyfuss and Danny DeVito team up as two aluminium salesmen in this clever but nasty comedy about their no-holds-barred rivalry. Written and directed by Barry Levinson. (Teletext) (11517597)
12.30am Balance. Animation (5742462)
12.40 Film: Poulet Au Vinaigre(1984). Claude Chabrol's entertaining thriller about a disabled woman and her son who refuse to sell their house to local businessmen. With Jean Poiret, Stéphane Audran and Michel Bouquet. In French with English subtitles (121424). Ends at **2.40**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.25 Film: Care Bears Movie II (1693665) **10.05** Cartoons (8785684) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (801690) **12.30-1.00** Countrywide (8316313) **2.35** Cartoon (1442023) **2.40** Giving the Empire a Lift (5204023) **3.10-5.00** Film: Swimsuit (William Katt, Catherine Oxenberg, Cyd Charisse) (10469482) **5.30-5.50** Anglia News (311058) **1.35** Quiz Night (5433789) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1453909) **2.35** The New Music (3843240) **3.35** Entertainment UK (9255207) **4.30** America's Top Ten (55882) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (28240)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.25 Film: Care Bears Movie II (1693665) **10.05** Cartoon Time (8785684) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (801690) **12.30-1.00** Central Newsweek (8316313) **2.35** Take 15 (8718232) **2.50** Coach (5201936) **3.20** Wrestling (8921139) **4.10** Cartoon Time (4939923) **4.20** Highway to Heaven (1620394) **5.15** The $64,000 Question (793232) **5.45-5.50** Central News (846435) **1.35** Faith and Music (5433789) **2.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H (2139530) **3.00** Rivera (3201240) **3.55** Night Shift. Series on people who work while the majority sleep (16573424) **4.10** Jobfinder (7314882) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (5763882)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.25 Film: Chips, The War Dog (1318619) **10.25-10.45** Cartoon Time (2605226) **12.30-1.00** HTV Newsweek (60313) **2.35** Meredith on Sunday (5205752) **3.05** Wrestling (6557416) **3.55** Film: The Day the Earth Moved (8368348) **5.15-5.50** The $64,000 Question (793232) **1.35** Quiz Night (5433789) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1453909) **2.35** The New Music (3843240) **3.35** Entertainment UK (9255207) **4.30** America's Top Ten (55882) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (28240)

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 12.30-1.00 Playback **2.35-3.05** Wales on Sunday **3.55** Cartoon Time **4.15-5.15** Junior Survival

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.25 Film: The Care Bears Movie II (1693665) **10.05** Cartoon (8785684) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (801690) **12.30** Meridian This Week (3462684) **12.50-1.00** Meridian News (33094139) **2.35** Film: The Magnificent Two (24780597) **4.20** Life Goes On (1620394) **5.15** Fit To Win (793232) **5.45-5.50** Meridian News (848435) **10.00** Spitting Image (23348) **10.30-11.15** Aspel & Company (410348) **1.35** ITV Chart Show (4148191) **2.35** Film: Simon Simon (9393511) **3.15** The Pier (7715511) **3.50** Derrick (1916424) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (28240)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 9.25 Film: Polly (1063023) **10.15-10.45** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (801690) **12.25** The Littlest Hobo (9779771) **12.50-1.00** Tyne Tees Newsweek (33094139) **2.35** International Three Day Event (4390597) **4.05-5.00** Life Goes On (3737787) **5.30-5.50** Tyne Tees Weekend (311058) **1.35** Quiz Night (5433789) **2.05** The Beat (2126795) **3.10** Film: Threesome (175627) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1999207)

ULSTER

As London except: 9.25 Film: Polly (Keshia Knight Pulliam, Dorian Harewood) (1063023) **10.15-10.45** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (801690) **12.25-1.00** Gardening Time (9760023) **2.35** Faith and Music (5205752) **3.05** Police Six (2013752) **3.10** Highway to Heaven (2629597) **4.15** The $64,000 Question (704348) **4.45-5.50** Coronation Street (934787) **10.00** Spitting Image (23348) **10.30-11.15** Aspel and Company (410348) **1.35** Quiz Night (5433789) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1453909) **2.35** The New Music (3843240) **3.35** Entertainment UK (9255207) **4.30** America's Top Ten (55882) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (28240)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.25 Film: The Care Bears Movie II (1693665) **10.05** Cartoon Time (8785684) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (801690) **12.30-1.00** Westcountry Update (8316313) **2.35** Film: Panache (Rene Auberjonois, David Healy, Charles Frank) (8492874) **3.55** Highway to Heaven (7568961) **4.45** Brief Encounters (703619) **5.15-5.50** The $64,000 Question (793232) **1.35** Quiz Night (5433789) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema (1453909) **2.35** The New Music (3843240) **3.35** Entertainment UK (9255207) **4.30** America's Top Ten (55882) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (28240)

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Starts: 7.10 The Wombles (1245226) **7.15** Bunch of Munsch (9897856) **7.40** Sharky and George (1095232) **8.05** Doug (2183058) **8.30** The Adventures of T-Rex (19145) **9.00** World Tennis (37597) **9.30** Dennis (3920752) **9.45** Flipper (711023) **10.15** The Lone Ranger (809232) **10.45** Land of the Giants (959481) **11.45** Little House on the Prairie (955665) **12.45** Mork and Mindy (855874) **1.15** Oedfa'r Glannau (184435) **1.45** Eerie, Indiana (183706) **2.15** Wild India (233955) **3.15** Film: Lydia (62360413) **6.00** The Fall of Squirrel Nutkin (9610) **6.30** Pobol Y Cwm (32353936) **7.15** Fe Hoffwn I (808110) **7.45** Hel Straeon (807481) **8.15** Dalgeniad Gan Gwynne Howell (425495) **8.45** Newyddion (848503) **8.50** Saith Diwrnod Ar Y Sul (135706) **9.05** True Stories: Care for Dale (6008226) **10.30** Film: Le Chateau de ma mère (Julien Ciamaca, Philippe Caubère, Nathalie Roussel, Didier Pain) (81408936) **12.20** ENG (3878581) **1.15** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Hour of Power (42665) **7.00** Fun Factory (8073232) **11.30** The Brady Bunch (94874) **12.00** WWF Challenge (94394) **1.00pm** Robin of Sherwood (73482) **2.00** The Love Boat (36787) **3.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (7665) **3.30** Fashion TV (2684) **4.00** UK Top 40 (11597) **5.00** All-American Wrestling (4145) **6.00** The Simpsons (96706) **7.00** The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles (37023) **8.00** Harem: First of a two-part mini series starring Omar Sharif (20787) **10.00** Hill Street Blues (36394) **11.00** Wiseguy (80042) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (3466506) **9.30** Frost on Sunday (12771) **11.30** National Gallery (57981) **12.30pm** *Financial Times* Reports (48435) **1.30** Target (43936) **2.30** Roving Report (66058) **3.30** *Financial Times* Reports (75077) **4.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (1145) **5.00** Live at Five (65665) **6.30** Roving Report (74077) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (2874) **9.30** Target (59690) **10.30** Roving Report (86394) **11.30** ABC News (59665) **12.30am** Those Were The Days (69725) **1.30** ABC News (84998) **2.30** Target (94268) **3.30** ABC News (99733) **4.30** The National Gallery (93998) **5.30-6.00** Beyond 2000 (71795)

SKY MOVIES PLUS

6.00am Showcase (16936)
8.00 The Hostage Tower (1980): Alistair MacLean thriller starring Peter Fonda and Billy Dee Williams (54136)
10.00 Ironclads (1991): Southern belle Virginia Madsen infiltrates a confederate camp during the American civil war (82503)
12.00 The Dream Machine (1991): Corey Haim acquires a Porsche (614961)
1.55pm The Red Tent (1971): Peter Finch plays the Arctic explorer General Nobile. With Sean Connery (57704145)
4.00 Battling for Baby (1991): Debbie Reynolds and Suzanne Pleshette vie for their grandchild's time (9077)
6.00 Conagher (1991): Cowboy Sam Elliott helps pioneer Katharine Ross (30110)
8.00 Fatal Sky (1990): Michael Nouri investigates a plane crash (46481)
9.30 Xposure: Film news (93619)
10.00 Fever (1992): Romantic rivals Armand Assante and Sam Neill team up to rescue kidnapped Marcia Gay Harden (301042)
11.40 State of Grace (1991): Sean Penn infiltrates a crime syndicate run by childhood friend Ed Harris (27099752)
2.00am Accidents (1988): Terrorists steal a brain-surgery invention (43191)
4.00 Teachers (1984): Lawyer JoBeth Williams sues the staff of her former school (101743). Ends at **5.50**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Miracle on 34th Street (1947, b/w): Edmund Gwenn has to prove that he is the real Father Christmas (4139)
6.00 Slightly Scarlet (1956): A mayor's secretary falls in love with a crime boss. Starring John Payne (60918)
8.00 American Graffiti (1973): Teenagers celebrate their last night together (10413)
10.00 Exorcist 2: The Heretic (1977): Linda Blair is still possessed by evil spirits (782348). Ends at **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Resurrection (1980): Ellen Burstyn acquires healing powers (10706)
8.00 Appointment with Danger (1949, b/w): Nun Phyllis Calvert helps postal inspector Alan Ladd to solve a murder case (45481)
10.00 Son of Dracula (1943, b/w): Vampire Lon Chaney Jr travels to Louisiana in search of a bride (80145)
12.00 The Fire in the Stone (1985): Australian children's adventure about stolen opals (31232)
2.00pm Bloodhounds of Broadway (1989): Gangster comedy with Julie Hagerty, Randy Quaid and Madonna (21416)
4.00 Puss in Boots (1987): Jason Connery plays Dick Whittington (7619)
6.00 Munster, Go Home! (1966): The monster family inherits an English castle. Starring Fred Gwynne (38752)
8.00 The Addams Family (1991): Gothic comedy with Raul Julia and Anjelica Huston as Gomez and Morticia Addams (40597)
10.00 True Identity (1991). Lenny Henry impersonates a white man (575139)
11.35 Track 29 (1988): Theresa Russell has an affair with Gary Oldman, who claims to be her son (888416)
1.10am Hanky Panky (1982): Secret agent Gilda Radner involves Gene Wilder in a search for top secret plans (836707)
3.00 The Seduction of Joe Tynan (1979). Political drama with Alan Alder and Meryl Streep (97153). Ends at **5.00**

SKY SPORTS

6.30am Prime Bodies (73232) **7.00** Stella Artois Tennis from Queen's Club (13348) **9.00** Red Line (21684) **10.00** Bulinders (29955) **11.00** NHRA Drag Racing Today (33787) **11.30** Fishing the West (34416) **12.00** US PGA Golf Buick Classic (84348) **2.00pm** Centenary Test Cricket Challenge. England XI v Australia XI at Trent Bridge to commemorate Derek Randall's century in the 1977 centenary Test (5387110) **7.00** Stella Artois Tennis (24400) **9.00** US PGA Golf Buick Classic (81868) **11.00** Centenary Test Cricket Challenge Highlights (94752) **1.00-3.00am** Stella Artois Tennis (12286)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (25139) **8.00** American Ice Hockey (83685) **10.00** DTM German Touring Cars (14023) **11.00** Motorcycling: German Grand Prix (1050435) **2.30pm** Motor Racing: Formula One Canadian Grand Prix Warm-Up (1706) **3.00** ATP Tennis (93077) **5.00** Golf. Honda Open (8503) **6.00** IAAF Athletics (67139) **7.00** Motor Racing. Formula One Canadian Grand Prix live from Montreal (26868) **9.00** Indycar Grand Prix (76936) **11.00-12.30am** Basketball (45503)

UK GOLD

7.00am Michael Bentine's Potty Time (3309348) **7.30** Owl TV (3115955) **8.00** Lassie (4264313) **8.30** Dog House (4263684) **9.00** Dr Who: The Mutants (90350058) **11.45** Film: Moonfleet (1955) starring Stewart Granger (45179348) **1.10pm** Film: Son of Lassie (1945) starring Peter Lawford (24679329) **3.00** The Bill Omnibus (5924955) **5.30** David Copperfield (7773435) **6.00** The District Nurse (6271690) **7.00** Sorry! (4044961) **7.30** Sharon and Elsie (7687684) **8.00** A Horseman Riding By (8808329) **9.00** Film: Madame Sousatzka (1988) starring Shirley MacLaine (27603787) **11.15** Life Without George (1766874) **11.45** Colin's Sandwich (1765145) **12.15-1.30am** In Concert: Cliff Richard (14739630)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am The Best of Jack in the Box (31597) **7.00** Commander Crumbcake (97619) **7.30** The Greatest Tune on Earth (57446) **8.00** Cartoons (50329) **8.30** RotKon II (585313) **11.30** Cartoon Classics (76416) **12.00** Marvel Hour (36969) **1.00pm** Okavango (81787) **2.00** 3-2-1 Contact (3690) **2.30** The Barkdays (3752) **3.00** Chicken Minute (6597) **3.30** Round the Bend (5597) **4.00** Runaway Ralph (93139) **5.00** Katts and Dog (1043) **5.30** Fifteen (4868) **6.00-7.00** Fame (99023)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Social Science Foundation Course
6.55 Weather
7.00 Sunday Morning Concert: Beethoven (Overture, Egmont); Bryan Kelly (Italian Suite); Mozart (Clarinet Concerto in A, K622); Mathias (In Arcadia); Leo Norman (Intermezzo for Strings); Dvořák (Symphony No 7 in D minor) **9.00 News**
9.05 Brian Kay's Sunday Morning: Alwyn (Overture to a Masque); Anon (The Three Ravens; Sweet Nightingale); Saint-Saëns (Havanaise, Op 83); **9.32** *Composer of the Week* preview: Grieg (Norwegian Dances, Op 35); Bach, transcr Rachmaninov (Prelude; Gavotte; Gigue, Partita, BWV 1006); **10.00** Artist of the Week: Fritz Wunderlich, tenor, sings Bizet (Temple Duet, The Pearl Fishers); Handel (Water Music, Suite in D); Schubert (Gesang der Geister über den Wassern, D714); Locke (Music for His Majesty's Sagbutts and Cornetts); Borkiewicz (Piano Concerto No 1 in B flat); Vivaldi (Concerto in G minor, RV107); Finzi (Romance, Op 11); Lara (Granada); Wagner (Overture, Die Meistersinger)
12.00 Spirit of the Age: George Pratt takes an optimistic view of the wave of music currently flooding the market
1.00pm News
1.05 Into the Garden: The novelist and gardener Frank Ronan meets Christopher Lloyd, the garden writer and owner of Great Dixter garden in Sussex
1.20 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymiuk. Lutosławski (Livre pour Orchestre); Stravinsky (Violin Concerto: Anthony Marwood); Sibelius (Symphony No 5 in E flat)
2.40 Ysaÿe Quartet — Christophe Giovanetti and Luc-Marie Aguera, violins, Miguel da Silva, viola, Michel Poulet, cello — performs André Boucourechliev (Miroir II); Ravel (String Quartet in F)
3.30 Tchaikovsky: Angela Brownridge, piano, plays Piano Sonata in G, Op 37, Méditation, Op 72 No 5; Scène dansante, Op 72 No 18, Invitation au trepak (r)
4.25 Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under Kurt Sanderling performs Beethoven (Overture, Coriolan); Mozart (Violin Concerto No 3 in G, K216: Frank Peter Zimmermann); Brahms (Symphony No 3 in F)
5.45 Listening to . . . Edvard Grieg: Peter Paul Nash reviews the Norwegian composer's late piano music, which influenced Debussy, Bartók and Percy Grainger
6.30 Carmina Quartet: Haydn (String Quartet in E flat, Op 76 No 6); Mendelssohn (String Quartet in F minor, Op 80) (r)
7.30 Sunday Play: The Tragical History of Dr Faustus: See Choice
9.25 Alfreda Hodgson Memorial Concert: Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Choir; BBC Philharmonic under Richard Hickox perform Elgar (The Dream of Gerontius)
11.15 Music in Our Time: The first of two concerts recorded at the *Tender is the North* festival in London in December. Arditti Quartet performs Per Norgard (Tintinnabulary); Karolina Eiriksdottir (Six Movements); Kaija Saariaho (Nymphea); Madeleine Izaksson (Strakvag); Ligeti (String Quartet No 2)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Prelude **6.30** News; Morning Has Broken, incl Bells on Sunday from the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Knapton, Norfolk **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.15** On Your Farm: Oliver Walston and Peter Day discuss farm tenancies **7.40** Sunday **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers
8.50 Patricia Routledge talks for the *Week's Good Cause* about the work of the Royal United Kingdom Beneficent Society **8.55** Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America (r)
9.30 Morning Service from Glinahirk Presbyterian Church
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand, presented by Alison Pearson
11.30 Pick of the Week (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker of the House of Commons **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend, with Nick Clarke **1.55** Shipping
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Members and friends of the Museum of Garden History, London, put their questions to Dr Stefan Buczacki, Bridget Moody and Fred Downham. With Clay Jones in the chair
2.30 Classic Serial: My Son, My Son, by Howard Spring. The last of a five-part dramatisation
3.30 Sweat and Inspiration: The Bridge. The last of five engineering feats from the 19th century. The civil engineer Dr Mark Ralss tells the story of the construction of the Forth railway bridge
4.00 News; Analysis: The Sleeping Giants? Evan Davis investigates the accountability of the City's financial institutions (r)
4.47 Treasure Islands: In the last programme of the series, Michael Rosen and Chris Powling choose new paperbacks for all ages
5.00 News; Kershaw in Malawi: Andy Kershaw consider the country's political future (r)
5.30 Poetry Please! 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.15 Feedback (r)
6.30 Europhile, presented by Gordon Clough (r)
7.00 The Board Game: Nigel Cassidy chairs the executive quiz. The panellists are Howard Hodgson, Alastair Ross-Goobey, Nigel Whittaker and Peter Day (r)
7.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde talks to Sarah Bradford, biographer of Sacheverell Sitwell (r)
8.00 Concerto: The clarinettist Emma Johnson talks to June Knox-Mawer about her life as a soloist and introduces her records of Debussy's Premiere Rhapsody and Crusell's Clarinet Concerto No 3 in B flat
9.00 The Natural History Programme reports on the water vole (r)
9.30 Special Assignment (r) **9.59** Weather **10.00 News**
10.15 New Artisans: Simon Parkes reports on the aspirations and achievements of craftspeople today
11.00 In Committee, presented by Susan Hulme
11.30 Seeds of Faith: John Bell reflects on the challenge of membership of the Iona Community in the second of three programmes on life in a dispersed community
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

The Tragical History of Dr Faustus. *Radio 3, 7.30pm.*

Hell, on radio, has never been noisier, nor has Stephen Moore's voice ever sounded more richly versatile, than in Sue Wilson's epic production of Marlowe's tragedy. Moore's is a Faust for both Marlowe's times and ours, and the same goes for Wilson's interpretation: Gluttony in the seven deadly sins scene is a Marilyn Monroe sound-alike, and covetousness is an excited caller at a square dance. As for Anthea Gomez's music, it features what is probably a first for a radio production of *Dr Faustus* — some good chances for the saxophone to shine.

Radio 2 Young Musician 1993. *4.00pm.*

By now we have heard all the young solo instrumentalists competing for the Radio 2 prize and the chance to pursue a professional career if they so wish. Today, the judges announce the names of the three contestants who will go forward to the final at the South Bank Centre, London, on July 12. The judges' discussion will be chaired by Leonard Pearcey who has ably introduced the semi-finalists during the past few weeks.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM until **6.00am**) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Number Ones on 1 FM **2.30** Rockline **4.00** The UK Top 40 **7.00** The Official 1 FM Album Chart **8.00** Anne Nightingale **10.00** Gary Davies (FM from **12.00**) **1.00-4.00am** Clare Sturgess (FM)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Barbara Sturgeon **7.00** Don Maclean **9.05** John Sachs **10.30** Hayes on Sunday **12.00** Desmond Carrington **2.00pm** Benny Green **3.00** Alan Dell **4.00** Radio 2 Young Musician 1993: See Choice **4.30** Sing Something Simple **5.00** Charlie Chester **7.00** Richard Baker **8.30** Sunday Half Hour from the High Street Baptist Church in Merthyr Tydfil **9.00** Alan Keith with Your Hundred Best Tunes **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme: Mike Batt **12.05am** John Terrett **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Mark Curry **9.30** The Adventures of Tintin **10.00** The AM Alternative **11.30** One Day in a Life: Sonia (r) **12.10pm** Education Matters (r) **12.40** Open Forum **1.00** Sunday Sport. Football: England v Brazil; Tennis: Stella Artois; Motor Racing: Canadian Grand Prix; Athletics **8.00** Open University: Arts — Lord Briggs on Victorian Culture; **8.20** A Level Playing Field? — European Textile Industry; **8.40** Maths — Countdown to Graphs. **9.00** Open Forum; **9.20** Indian Views of E M. Forster; **9.40** Transsexuals **10.00** News and Sport **10.10** Open University: New Curiosity Shop — Vargas; **10.30** Art Works; **10.50** Across the Line **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

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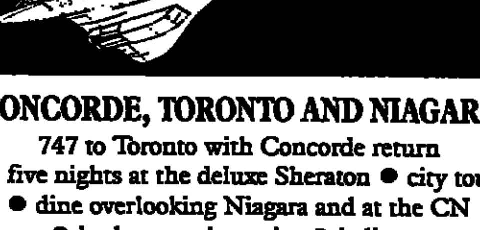
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DAVID FLUSFEDER PREVIEWS THE BEST OF NEXT WEEK'S TELEVISION

Shotguns, wine and all that jazz



It's the last episode of *Cheers* tomorrow, an 85-minute special, with guests ranging from President Clinton to Mother Teresa, watched by 150 million Americans (one of these statements is false). The rest of the week's highlights include a jazz great, an intelligent investigation into different types of healing, painful interviews with adulterers, and the healthy results of getting Belfast children to pummel each other about in a boxing ring.

Sound Stuff: Weird Nightmare
Tomorrow, Channel 4, 7pm
Charles Mingus was a big man, in every sense. He was the best jazz composer since Duke Ellington and the most inspiring bandleader since Charlie Parker. He died fairly young, dwindling, cruelly, as a result of the wasting Lou Gehrig's disease. His music was half-mad and so, probably, was he.

Last year an impressive range of musicians (Keith Richards and Charlie Watts of the Rolling Stones, Elvis Costello, the avant-garde composer Henry Threadgill among them) recorded an album of cover versions of Mingus material. Ray Davies of The Kinks directed this documentary of the event, which includes, as well as the contemporary musicians in their New York studio, interviews with Mingus's wives, children and associates and, best of all, footage of the man himself — playing bass, leading his bands and, most alarmingly, toying around with a shotgun while chatting fairly amiably about his apocalyptic vision of racist America.

Eric Mingus remembers his father composing at the piano, with "a bunch of red wine and no pants on". His long-time drummer recalls: "One minute he'd be threatening your life, and the next he'd have his arm around you and be taking you out to dinner, and his music reflected this."

The saddest footage here is of Mingus in his wheelchair on the White House lawn at a Jimmy Carter-hosted jazz jamboree, his arm having to be lifted up to acknowledge the applause. (And the silliest footage is the shot of "cool" beatniks in shades and chin-beards finger-clicking, entirely out of rhythm, to Mingus's music.)

Magic or Medicine?
Monday, Channel 4, 9pm
There's a Canadian who diagnoses by "reading" her patient's eyes; a Navajo who cures melancholy by painting an image of the sufferer on the sand; a Finn who treats any physical ailment by setting his patient's bones. There is a Hawaiian (this is where it starts to get silly) who ties a band around her head and waves palm fronds about with a simpering look on her face. Rob Buckman, doctor, broadcaster, and himself a sufferer from an auto-immune disorder, presents this four-part study of alternative medicines, and he does it well.

Buckman is an interested, interesting guide into the world of healing. He is non-judgmental, splendidly uncritical, and careful just to show how the treatments work and to provide a context in which to understand them. The highlight of it all is the moving spectacle of Buckman himself as the anxious, willing object of ceremonial healing at a Texan temple. A healer's hand presses to his forehead, another is clasped behind his neck. Around him devotees of the dead healer, "El Niño", sing, while beside him, a second healer burps, which signifies the onset of a trance in which he will receive El Niño's spirit. And in the middle of it is Buckman, looking frail and apprehensive and above all (and maybe despite himself) hopeful.

Adultery
Tuesday, BBC2, 9.45pm
Ray Gosling is the unsqueamish, sympathetic questioner of people whose marriages have been killed by sexual betrayal. Gosling has the rare capacity to draw out sincere confessions and bitter regrets from people who are not particularly used to close self-analysis. There is the Mancunian pigeon breeder whose second marriage ended when his wife uncovered his one-night stand. He still loves his wife, and his wife still loves him but, he says, the trust has gone. Gosling (sympathetic in a woolly hat) does not shy away from the tricky questions. And the pigeon breeder, with his nice craggy face, his close cropped hair, his narrow roll-ups, begins to cry. "I've committed a bloody crime, haven't I?" Gosling tries to make him feel better, but the man is not having any of it from his new-found friend and confessor: "I blew the bloody lot up, mate, thinking the grass is greener on the other side, and it isn't."

The next scene shows Gosling with the light relief of the programme — the large man with the square face and the 1970s footballer hair-style. The two of them paddle happily in a swimming pool, while the large man talks about the swinging pleasures he and his wife get up to. Exhibitionism, voyeurism, sexual play with like-minded couples in that very same swimming pool. ("Hmm," says Gosling, splashing a little nervously now, but carefully undisapproving and even a little excited. "Yeesss. Hmm.")

It is all fascinating stuff. Gosling is an excellent interviewer (and there's the curious side-issue of the different outfits he wears in each situation — carefully chosen to be the perfect companion to each interviewee; I particularly like him when he goes gently rockabilly): the subjects are given enough time and confidence to tell their stories in their own words ("I couldn't take him back now if he got eight draws on a coupon," says one betrayed Liverpudlian woman); and somehow the effect is not at all prurient. Instead, you feel that these are stories that have to be told, and their tellers are grateful for the opportunity to tell them, perhaps as a warning for others and certainly as therapy for themselves.

The Late Show
Tuesday, BBC2, 11.15pm
The Late Show flies off to Italy for the week. A magistrate hero on Monday, the Venice Biennale on Wednesday, and a Michael Ignatieff-led discussion on Thursday to investigate the political state of things; but a more serious topic is investigated on Tuesday — Nick Hornby on the grandeur, beauty and deceit of Italian football. Football over there is owned by the richest men in the country and is the subject for some of its cleverest, angriest men. As Hornby (who has carved out his own cultural niche as an elegant interpreter of the social meanings of football) says, "Show me a man who is tired of the San Siro, and I'll show you an Italian cultural commentator."

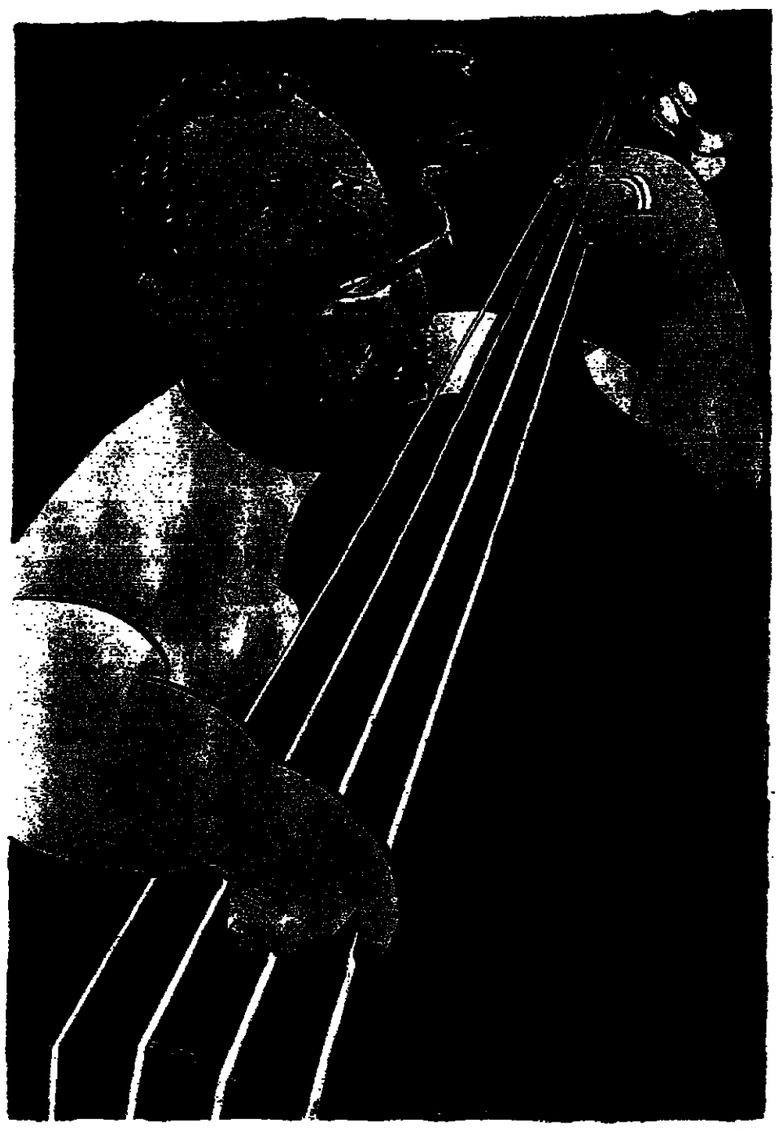
Inside Story: New York Law
Wednesday, BBC1, 9.30pm
An excellent programme that investigates the sleazy American legal process of plea-bargaining, although it does have the inadvertent effect of glamourising the wonderfully named Judge Rothwax ("the roughest judge there is", says one disgruntled defendant, who's been in jail for ten months waiting for his jury trial, but could have the matter dealt with much more quickly if only he had pleaded guilty in the judge's court and accepted the comparatively low instant sentence). The judge has clear views on the purposes of punishment — sentencing is for retribution's sake: "rehabilitation has no place in the democratic process" — and conducts his court like a shrewd, sinister salesman in charge of an overcrowded auction room: "I will go as low as six to 12 on your felony," he barks, suavely, and that is his final offer.

True Stories: Missing in Action
Thursday, Channel 4, 9.35pm
There are 600 Americans who were last heard of in the Vietnam war and are still unaccounted for — officially designated "missing in action". This programme traces the desperately hopeful search for one of them — Colonel John Robertson — by his daughter Deborah. It has all the compelling elements of a successful thriller, with its unlikely quest, seedy cameo characters, its exotic locations (Russia, Cambodia), suspicious governmental involvement (US, naturally), and its obsessive, perhaps self-deluded protagonist. Deborah has the perfect smooth American blonde prettiness of surface, and underneath the overpowering drive to interpret each contradictory shred of information to prove what she needs to prove, that somewhere, somehow, her father is still alive.

Under the Sun: Fighting For the Holy Family
Thursday, BBC2, 9.40pm
There is an old Belfast joke which is quoted in this programme. Q: Why did the chicken cross the road? A: Because it was stupid, that's why. The social anthropology series comes close to home with a gripping documentary about a boys' boxing club in a part of Belfast where Catholics and Protestants live close to one another but tend only to cross the road if they've got stones in their hands. The Holy Family Boxing Club in the New Lodge area of north Belfast is one of the very few places where kids from both sides of the religious divide actually mingle.

Street murals (tribal flags, masked men, bombs) and graffiti ("IRA", "We will never accept a united Ireland") mark out Protestant and Catholic territory. It is hard not to get sentimental about children growing up here, and the programme does not try to avoid it. It concentrates mostly on three young boys at the club, one of whom, Declan, has a Catholic mother and a Protestant father, but whose Protestant side has been thoroughly repressed. He has sad eyes, and declares: "I really would like to go over and see my granny." To go over is to make the impossible journey out to an entirely Protestant part of the city.

The narrative thrust of the programme is provided by the anticipation and action of two boxing tournaments — an England vs Ireland international in Liverpool (the first time some of the team have ever been outside Belfast) and a novices' championship just outside the city, where Declan and his friend Thomas (gawky body, peaky sweet face) are to fight, cheered on by Thomas's father, "Winker" Watson, whose own hilariously ineffectual pub bout a few days before adds some welcome light relief.



Paying tribute to Charles Mingus: "his music was half-mad and so, probably, was he"

BEST OF THE WEEK

TODAY
Danzón 1991, Mex (C4, 10.30pm)
Touch of Evil 1958, US (BBC2, 11.40pm)
TOMORROW
Tin Men 1987, US (C4, 10.25pm)
Escape From Alcatraz 1979, US (BBC2, 10.40pm)
A Man Escaped 1956, Fr (BBC2, 12.35am)
MONDAY
Chase a Crooked Shadow 1957, GB (BBC2, 4pm)
TUESDAY
The Bounty 1984, GB (BBC1, 10.20pm)
WEDNESDAY
Brainstorm 1983, US (BBC1, 10.20pm)

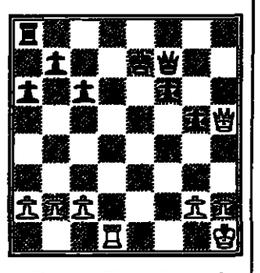
TOMORROW
Tennis: Stella Artois final (BBC2, 12.30pm)
Football: US Cup — England v Brazil (ITV, 6pm)
Formula One: Canadian Grand Prix (BBC2, 9.05pm)
TUESDAY
Royal Ascot (BBC1, 1.50pm)
THURSDAY
Cricket: 2nd Test: England v Australia (BBC1, 10.55am;
Golf: US Open (BBC1, 11.30pm)

Separate But Equal (Wednesday, BBC2, 9pm)

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is a possible conclusion from the game Short — Adams, London 1991. This clash of England's hottest prospects resulted in a victory for the more experienced Nigel Short. How did he intend to finish off here?



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Solution to last Saturday's competition: 1 ... Rxe3+. The winners are: A Rae, Edinburgh; A J White, Bangor, County Down; B Halliwell, Grange-Over-Sands.

WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

TRIZZIE
a. An incoherent hair style
b. A try at rugby
c. A threepenny piece

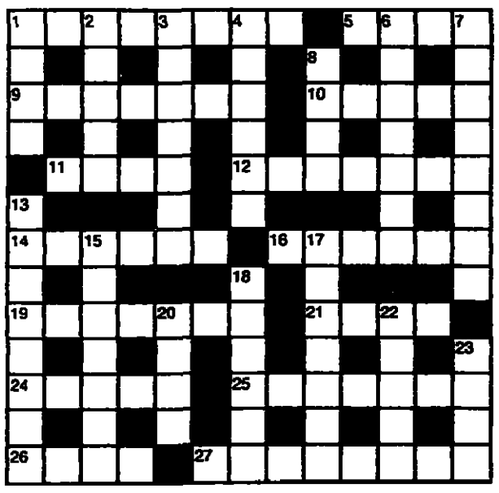
PRUSHUN
a. A damson
b. A beggar boy
c. A Prussian Guardsman

CHOUETTE
a. A secret underground prison
b. A leaping turn at skating
c. A lone hand

LETTRINE
a. An outdoor lavatory
b. An initial letter
c. A dialect of Lithuanian

Answers on page 13

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ACROSS
1 Prompt solution (5,3)
5 Practices (4)
9 Badly brought up (3,4)
10 Smell (5)
11 Borneo native (4)
12 Firearm bore (7)
14 Swaying gait (6)
16 Shameless (6)
19 Florence region (7)
21 Dandy (4)
24 Climb on (5)
25 Disgraceful event (7)
26 Lover's flower (4)
27 Skin-pitting disease (8)

DOWN
1 Interrogate (4)
2 Jura neighbour (5)
3 Persian lamb (7)
4 Formally accuse (6)
6 Entertainments world (7)
7 Three-striper (8)
8 Target (4)
13 Double-crosser (3,5)
15 Debate (7)
17 Bald horse tail (3,4)
18 Plaster of Paris mineral (6)
20 Pretentiously artistic (4)
22 Discontented (3,2)
23 Discharge (4)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 3119

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A love lost in the Smoke

Caitlin Moran mourns a sullen city mugged by heat and grief



I WAS prepared to fall in love with London so badly... the glitter and the wonderment, the wide streets, the wide boys, the wide-eyed acceptance of people's quirks and methods of work. Where I come from, if you've got red hair and 16-hole boots you're a witch, and should be burnt as such outside Marks & Spencer's food hall. So when I first moved to my own, personal grot-hole in north London, I was prepared to spread my heart red across the city, and adopt its slummy wonder as my own.

I wanted to graft Dollis Hill and Tufnell Park and the sweet bits of the Embankment on to my skin and call them my own — I wanted the insouciance and the suss, the nonchalance and the off-hand dismissal of the Big City that Londoners seem to possess. I wanted to be able to sigh about the Northern Line and bitch about cab drivers, while all the time holding fast the knowledge that I lived in the best city in the world, and wouldn't leave for all the cheese in Tesco's.

However, summer rolls around, my first in the Smoke, and it's hot and sullen and filled with grief. The side roads and back streets smell as if the tramps had melted in the heat, and stained the pavements poor and rotten. Every doorway holds a package of long-running despair — years and years spent holding your hands out and getting your head kicked in by the professional stupid and thuggish. The heat brings out the worst in people — irritable and bitchy, suffering from suffocation because the air's being rationed.



London in summer: sweet, sweet oxygen is in short supply

There are air wars here besides which the Virgin-BA spat pales into insignificance. Nine million Londoners are all fighting for a lungful of the clear stuff, and there's only enough for six million. Sweet, sweet oxygen is in short supply... all the empty rhetoric and meaningless mouthings of London's fully qualified liars take up what little air there is. People walk around white-faced and stagger-legged, taking shallow breaths, hyperventilating and subsisting in pure car exhaust and other people's coughs and sneezes. Some days the skies seem so sick with other people's germs you could cut it up with a knife and start a rematch of the plague.

Breezes can't fight their way through the huddled, blank-faced tower blocks — no gasps of moving air to lift the sticky clothes from your body, to cool the slick of sweat greasing its way down your spine and pooling in your shoes. Wandering down Tube stations late at night — if you can withstand being mugged by the sick, muddy heat that stays underground 24 hours — you can stand on the edge of the platform and wait for the only wind in London. At first there's a low hum, and all the rats on the track squirm the dance of the mad, running in blind circles and shrieking Morse codes of panic.

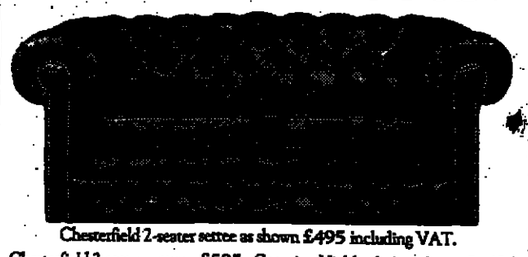
Then, quick as snapping fingers, they disappear, as the train lights throw light on the walls, and a huge wall of twice-breathed air scours the tunnel, slamming against your body, coating you in London grime and chilling the sweat on your body to ice. When the train screeches to a halt, a thick blanket of heat wraps itself around you again, thick air hotter than ever, dull and aching and never, never ending. Even at three in the morning, skinny girls in damp, bare minimum dresses flap empty pizza boxes in front of their faces, shiny with cruel warmth, gasping jokes and endlessly, endlessly drinking mineral water.

I want out. I want a car and a big straw hat, I want to remember what it's like to breath without wincing. I want to break free of the M25's coiled grips, and suck in clear, clear air; like sticking my head into white water rapids and waiting for all the gunk to be rinsed away. I want to open my eyelids wide and stand gape-mouthed at the spread of the land, watching the roll and folds of the earth. I'll lie me down in a piece of countryside and watch the way clouds move so slowly when they're not getting caught up on shiny high-rises. Nonchalantly puffing at ice-clean air until my head goes dizzy and my skin is cleaned of the city.

London is spread too thin. We should paint the pavements green, splash the walls with Day Glo and gold, split the city in half with a river clean enough to swim in, and relocate three-quarters of the population to the seaside. We should sling hanging baskets from Centre Point, seep new blood into the dry veins of the people and the culture and the conversations, which are all the same, all the same.

The capital is a shiny peach that has been left to rot, left sitting in a puddle of its fears and neurosis. Someone has to rupture the bubble of pus which rules the city. Or else, soon, London will become a parched, empty city, a red-hot dead star, endlessly coughing from its cradle of the M25.

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